

Drilling to start in Gulf of Mexico; 1st for a new oil field since spill

Read more in Aruba Today Business Page B 8 & 9



On Top Of The News E-mail:news@arubatoday.com Website:www.arubatoday.com Tel:582-7800 Friday, March 25, 2011

WORLD NEWS

Russia plans nuclear plant stress tests



Leonid Bolshov, left, now Russia's director of the Institute for Nuclear Safety and Development, inside the Chernobyl plant in 1986. The Japanese nuclear calamity provided Russia's Rosatom with a new chance to stress its message: its reactors are safe, not despite Chernobyl but because of it.

(Via The New York Times)

By MATTHEW L. WALD
© 2011 New York Times

WASHINGTON — Russia, responding to the Japanese nuclear crisis, will perform a “stress test” on all its reactors to judge their ability to withstand earthquakes more powerful than the original design anticipated, the Russian state-owned nuclear power company Rosatom said Thursday. Rosatom is willing to share the test results with the United States, said the company's director general, Sergey Kirienko, who met here with Energy Department officials. The United States and Russia signed a nuclear cooperation agreement last year. Kirienko also said he thought the World Association of Nuclear Operators, an industry group based in London, should have expanded authority to inspect reactors and coordinate safety efforts. Rosatom is a member of the group. □



Two women from New York pray at the Western Wall with masquerade masks according to the Purim holiday tradition in Jerusalem, on March 21, 2011. The holiday is a celebration of the biblical story of the Jews' salvation from extermination in ancient Persia.

(Rina Castelnovo/The New York Times)

U.S. group stirs up debate

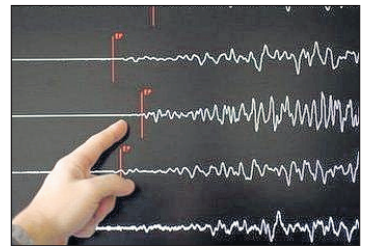
By ETHAN BRONNER
© 2011 New York Times

JERUSALEM — On one side were members of the Israeli Parliament and advocates who argued that there was only one legitimate way to support Israel from abroad — unconditionally. On the other were those who insisted that love and devotion did not mean withholding criticism. For an electric two hours on Wednesday, the sides fought bitterly inside a parliamentary hearing room. As they spoke, tensions on the Gaza border rose, and turmoil spread across the Middle East; hours later a bomb went off in Jerusalem, killing one person and wounding dozens. Israelis are feeling increasingly insecure about any criticism they believe could help their enemies. At the center of the parliamentary debate was a three-year-old American advocacy group, J Street, which calls itself pro-Israel and pro-peace,

a left-leaning alternative to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobbying group in the United States. J Street opposes Israeli settlements in the West Bank and urged President Barack Obama not to veto an antisettlement resolution in the United Nations Security Council recently. The conveners of Wednesday's hearing, a hawkish Likud legislator named Danny Danon and a conservative colleague from the centrist Kadima party, Otniel Schneller, wanted to expose J Street for what they believed it to be — a group of self-doubting American Jews more worried about what their neighbors say than what is good for the state of Israel. “This is a dispute between those who care what non-Jews will say and those who believe in being a light unto nations, between the mentality of exile and that of redemption,” Sch-

neller said. “J Street is not a Zionist organization. It offers love with strings attached. They say, ‘We love you only if you behave the way we like.’” Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street's founder, came from Washington to defend his group, which claims about 170,000 supporters. “We should work through our differences with respect, vibrant discussion and open dialogue,” he told the legislators. “It only weakens Israel and the Jewish people to make differences of opinion into something greater and to accuse those who criticize Israeli policy of being anti-Israel or worse.” The committee meeting, which drew a crowd and often descended into shouting matches, was unprecedented, according to many Israelis. No one could recall a debate inside Israel's Parliament examining whether an American group calling itself pro-Israel was living up to the name. □

6.8 quake rattles Myanmar



A strong earthquake struck Myanmar near the Thai border on Thursday, killing at least two people, including a child, officials from both countries said, with shaking felt across Southeast Asia.

By Tamara L. Morris (AP)
TACHILEK - A 6.8 earthquake rattled the Myanmar (Burma) region on Thursday, March 24, 55 miles north of Chiang Rai, Thailand. According to the United States Geological Survey, the earthquake was registered at a depth of about 10 km or 6.2 miles. This quake was followed by a 4.8 magnitude aftershock about 30 minutes later then a 5.4 aftershock about two hours after the initial 6.8 quake. *Continued to page 11*

MEGA MALL
CERTIFIED
CASH & CARRY
True Value
START RIGHT. START HERE.
Shop at Local Prices!

THE LARGEST Supermarket on the island!

- *FOOD & DRINKS
- *BEACH ACCESSORIES
Surf board, Clothes
- *FURNITURE
Indoor & Outdoor
- *FISHING ACCESSORIES
- *COOLERS, TOYS & MORE
- *HARD LIQUOR : FREE DELIVERY (588-3369)

Cut & bring this Coupon and you will received
10% DISCOUNT ON True Value ITEMS
START RIGHT. START HERE. ✓
LG. SMITH BLVD. # 150

“Nos Cunucu - The Land Farm” supplies Aruba with freshness



Aruba now has a produce farm called “Nos Cunucu – The Land Farm”. This is an incredible feat and certainly one of its kind on Aruba. Owner Ari Lichtenstien had a dream to grow his own fruits and vegetables and although it took him a year to develop, he has finally launched his “fresh” farm to Aruba.

“The Land Farm” has already started supplying many of Aruba’s most popular

supermarkets with fresh fruits and vegetables grown right here on Aruba. The farm hosts a wide variety of melons, berries, tomatoes, cucumbers, apples, soon-to-be-avocados and many local fruits that are only grown here on Aruba. One very special berry fruit from the strawberry tree honestly tastes like a mouth full of cotton candy.

The giant green houses provide the per-

fect environment to grow the fruits and vegetables. Bumble bees that live in the green houses help pollinate the plant life to thrive.

“Nos Cunucu - The Land Farm” has already made significant donations to the community with the absolute freshest donations to the community in the capacity of the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital – Meals on Wheels and also to the elderly at

Pavilioen, Maristella and SABA

For more information on “Nos Cunucu - The Land Farm” please contact: 5855231 ory 5925123. This is the only place for the freshest fruits and vegetables on the island and with a more than fresh new low price. Restaurants and supermarkets are more than welcome to order directly.

~ **Photos by Julia Renfro.** □



Free Shirt Friday!

Get a FREE Alhambra T-Shirt when you earn 500 points today with your Alhambra Advantage Card!

Alhambra cap may be substituted for t-shirt.



• TOMORROW •
Don't miss Super BINGO Saturday!
\$1,000 in CASH PRIZES & Progressive Bingo!



Cleo's
Sports Bar & Grill

Open daily 6pm to 2am
Happy Hour from 6 to 8pm

• SPORTS BOOK •
Bet on all your favorite sports!



Where Aruba goes to play!

Open daily 10am to 4am • J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 • 583.5000 • www.casinoalhambra.com

Must be an Alhambra Advantage member. All programs and promotions are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.



Join us on [facebook](#)

Special 3-Course Menu

From 11:30 am to 5 pm. Sunday: 5 pm to 7 pm

Appetizer Beef & Vegetable Soup or Mix Salad
Entrée Gaucho Burger, 12 oz of ground Tenderloin
 or Grouper Fillet a la Meuniere
Dessert Sorbet or Caramel Flan

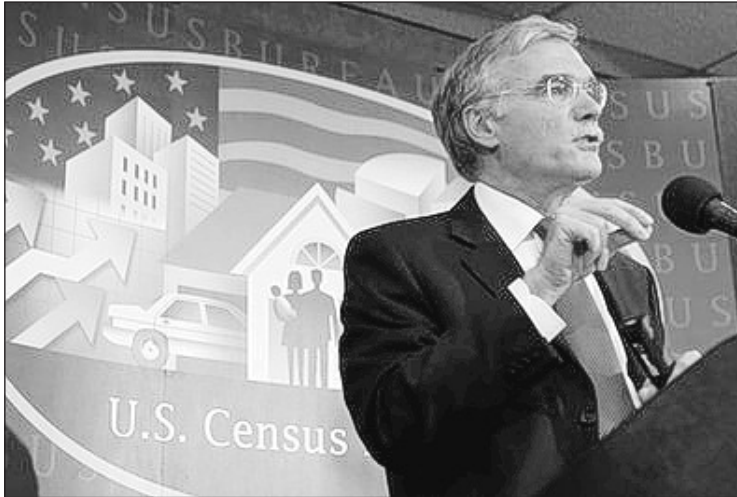
Or enjoy our regular A La Carte Menu • Live Music Every Day

Celebrating 34th Anniversary!

\$20

+ 15% service charge
and tax

Open from 11:30 am to 11 pm. Sunday 5 pm to 11 pm. For reservation call 582-3677. Wilhelmstraat 80. Oranjestad.



U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves

New census milestone:

Hispanics reach 50 million

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hispanics accounted for more than half of the U.S. population increase over the last decade, exceeding estimates in most states as they crossed a new census milestone: 50 million, or 1 in 6 Americans.

Meanwhile, more than 9 million Americans checked two or more race categories on their 2010 census forms, up 32 percent from 2000, a sign of burgeoning multiracial growth in an increasingly minority nation.

The Census Bureau on Thursday released its first set of national-level findings from the 2010 count on race and migration, detailing a decade in which rapid minority growth, aging whites and the housing boom and bust were the predominant story lines.

Analysts said the results confirmed a demographic transformation under way that is upending traditional notions of racial minorities, political swing districts, even city and suburb.

"These are big demographic changes," said Mark Mather, an associate vice president at the nonprofit Population Reference Bureau. "There is going to be some culture shock, especially in communities that haven't had high numbers of immigrants or minorities in the past."

"By 2050, we may have an entirely new system of defining ourselves," he said.

According to data released Thursday, Americans continued their decades-long migration to fast-growing parts of the Sun Belt. Their move to big states such as California and Texas as well as fast-growing Mountain West states pushed the nation's mean center of population roughly 30 miles southwest to a spot near the village of Plato, Mo.

African-Americans in search of wider spaces increasingly left big cities such as Detroit, Chicago and New York for the suburbs, typically in the South. Both Michigan and Illinois had their first declines in the black population since statehood as many of their residents opted for warmer climes in the suburbs of places such as Atlanta, Dallas and Houston. □

U.S. adds

Saudi bombmaker to terror blacklist



Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri

WASHINGTON — The United States on Thursday added a Saudi bombmaker who is a key suspect in the 2010 al Qaeda parcel bomb plot against the United States to its official terrorism blacklist.

Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri is believed to work with the Yemen-based al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and already tops Saudi Arabia's terrorism list.

"Al-Asiri is an AQAP operative and serves as the terrorist organizations' primary bomb maker," the State Department said in announcing the designation, noting that al-Asiri has also been accused of recruiting his younger brother as a suicide bomber for a failed attack on Saudi counter-terrorism chief Prince Mohammed bin Nayef in 2009.

"Although the assassination attempt failed, the brutality, novelty and sophistication of the plot is illustrative of the threat posed by al-Asiri," the State Department said.

The U.S. order is aimed at stemming the flow of resources to al-Asiri by freezing all of his property which may be under U.S. jurisdiction and banning any U.S. citizen from engaging in transactions with him.

AQAP, which already appears on the U.S. terrorist organization list, has been blamed for the foiled plot last year that saw Dubai and Britain intercept two U.S.-bound parcel bombs sent from Yemen addressed to synagogues in Chicago.

The Obama administration has been increasingly focused on the al Qaeda wing, which authorities have said was also behind the failed attempt to blow up a U.S. jetliner on Christmas Day 2009 with a bomb that a Nigerian man hid in his underwear. □

Special Of the Month!

<p>Appetizer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Soup • Onion Soup • Conch Fritters • Escargot • Salad 	<p>Entrée</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh Catch of the Day prepared by our local chef just the way you like it. • Jumbo Shrimp from our local waters, breaded served with potato or rice or with garlic tossed over linguine. • Filet Mignon* 8 oz. US Tenderloin • Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast
<p>Dessert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chocolate or Banana Cake • Ice Cream • Coffee / Tea 	<p>3-course dinner \$24.95 per person</p>

This special cannot be used with any other promotions, vouchers or certificates.
 * A surcharge of \$2 will be added.

Open daily 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm
(Closed on Tuesdays)
Klipstraat 12 • Tel: 583-2515

Arizona House approves ban on some abortions



Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer

By David Schwartz
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona House of Representatives on Wednesday approved controversial legislation that would make the state the first in the nation to ban abortions conducted due to the race or gender of the fetus.

The Arizona Senate approved the bill earlier this week by a vote of 21-5. The bill was approved in the House by a vote of 35-20. It now goes to Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, a Republican. Brewer has not

said if she will sign it into law. "This legislation has just reached the governor's desk, so she'll be studying it in the days ahead,"

said Brewer's spokesman Matt Benson. "But it's worth noting that Governor Brewer has an exceptionally strong pro-life record as an elected official." The move comes as abortion opponents across the nation try to seize on gains made by conservatives in the November 2010 elections and further restrict the procedure. □

Oldest US nuclear reactor: a 'disaster'

By Karin Zeitvogel
Associated Press

LACEY, New Jersey — A sleepy New Jersey town has popped onto people's radar screens because it has the oldest running nuclear power plant in the United States -- and, some say, the most dangerous.

Named for a Revolutionary War general, Lacey is the kind of American town that few from outside the seaside settlement knew much about before the earthquake and tsunami in Japan triggered a nuclear crisis.

Down the road from the 1950s-style diner and across from the bridge that locals use as a fishing pier stands the Oyster Creek nuclear plant.

It uses a GE Mark I Boiling Water reactor identical to those that lost power at Japan's Fukushima plant in the March 11 earthquake and then was struck by a tsunami that knocked out its backup generators, causing reactor cooling functions to fail.

US anti-nuclear activists and many residents of Lacey and surrounding Jersey shore townships worry that a simi-



Aerial view, nuclear power plant, New Jersey

lar nuclear disaster could happen at Oyster Creek, and it wouldn't need an earthquake or tsunami to trigger it.

Oyster Creek has been dogged by problems including a corroding liner in the carbon steel containment unit; leaks that allow radioactive tritium to seep into drinking water; and huge volumes of stocked spent fuel rods.

"We have 40 years of radiation on site two-and-a-half to three times more than in Japan," anti-nuclear activist Jeff Brown told AFP.

"You also have that tremendously stupid design to start with where the spent fuel rods

are sitting on top of the reactor," he said, raising a fear among residents that the reactor could be an easy target for a terrorist attack.

"At the very least, we need a no-fly zone over Oyster Creek. We have a no-fly zone over Disney World but not here," said Peggi Sturmfels, a program organizer at the New Jersey Environmental Federation.

Oyster Creek is owned and operated by Exelon Corporation, which employs 700 people at the plant. The company disputes the charges by activists, insisting the reactor is safe. □

In California

70-year old arrested in meth investigation

By Gary Klien
Associated Press

MILL VALLE - The owner of a financially struggling novelty gift and porn boutique in Mill Valley was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of selling methamphetamine at the store, authorities said.

David McDonald, the proprietor of The Pleasure Principle at 74 Throckmorton Ave., was taken into custody after state and local drug agents served a warrant at the shop.

McDonald, a 70-year-old Fairfax resident, is suspected of selling methamphetamine and selling a chemical precursor used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, said Tim Jung, an agent with the California Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

Jung declined to release further details about the case, which is also being investigated by the West Contra Costa County Narcotics En-



Narcotic Brigade

forcement Team. The Marin County Major Crimes Task Force and the Mill Valley Police Department also assisted, said Mill Valley police Sgt. Paul Wrapp.

No other suspects were arrested Wednesday, Jung said. The store has been at its current site since 1966, when it was a jewelry store operated by McDonald and his father. When the elder McDonald

left in 1971, the store began to evolve from a jewelry store into a novelty shop that carried marijuana pipes, sex toys, adult films, posters and other knickknacks.

McDonald was set to be evicted from the store at the end of the month. He said he has been struggling amid years of declining revenues and has been late on his rent for the past year and a half. □

3 Course Special Menu

APPETIZERS

- Seafood Cocktail
- Escargots Florentine
- Beef Carpaccio
- Soup of the day

ENTREES

- Jerked Twin Skirt Medallion
- Boneless Chicken Coq au Vin
- Broiled Pork Chops
- Fried Calamari
- Grouper Tempura
- Seafood Thermidor
- Pasta Shrimp Tortolini

DESSERTS

- Oreo Vanilla Cup
- Crepe Suzette
- Assorted Ice Creams

\$25

per person

offer not valid in combination with other promotions or specials

The Promenade
Restaurant

Sun Plaza Mall For Reservations 583 8899
Open from 5:30 am - 10:30 pm

THE THREE KINGS OF THE SEA

BK[®] FISH D-LUXE



BK[®] FISH HONEY MUSTARD

BK[®] FISH FILLET

TM&(C) 2010 Burger King Corporation. All rights reserved



HAVE IT YOUR WAY[®]

Man accused of leaving explosive at US building

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT – A Michigan man with a history of bizarre rants and threats against the FBI was charged Thursday with trying to use an explosive to damage a federal building in downtown Detroit, authorities said.

Gary Mikulich, 42, is accused of leaving a metal cash box containing explosive components outside the McNamara Building, which houses the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service, immigration court and other agencies.

A tool bag holding the box was discovered on Feb. 26 and brought inside the building, but it sat for 20 days before authorities destroyed it last week, the FBI said in a court filing.

The exploded materials included pieces of PVC pipe,



Detroit Police bomb squad

a timer and black electrical tape, along with a handwritten note that read, "1. Turn Switch 2. Plug, in," agent Mark Davidson wrote.

The FBI is not calling it a bomb; all pieces were still being examined by experts, spokeswoman Sandra Berch told said.

Mikulich lives in Kingsford in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, about 500 miles northwest of Detroit. □

In Washington DC

Incident spurs look at airport tower staffing

WASHINGTON – Air traffic safety is under increased scrutiny by federal authorities following an incident in which two passenger jets landed without controller assistance at Reagan National Airport because no one could be reached in the airport tower.

An aviation official said that an air traffic supervisor the lone controller on duty around midnight on Tuesday when the incident occurred had fallen asleep. The official, who spoke on grounds of anonymity because an investigation is ensuing, said the incident has led the Federal Aviation Administration to launch a nationwide inquiry into airport tower staffing issues. Peter Knudson, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday that the pilots of the two planes were in contact with controllers at a regional Fed-



FAA control tower at Reagan National Airport

eral Aviation Administration facility about 40 miles away in Warrenton, Va. He said that after pilots were unable to raise the airport tower at Reagan by radio, they asked controllers in Warrenton to call the tower. Repeated calls from the regional facility to the tower went unanswered, Knudson added. Responding to the incident, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement that he has directed FAA to put two air traffic controllers on the midnight shift at Reagan National. □

BUCCANEER RESTAURANT EARLY BIRD LENT SPECIAL

5:30 TO 7:00 P.M

3 COURSE MEAL, BUILD YOUR FAVORITE MEAL FROM EACH SECTION

APPETIZER

Fish Soup
Clam Chowder
Escargot
Crab Cakes

ENTREE

Breaded Grouper, Coconut Shrimp & Risotto
Ultimate Shrimp Trio with Risotto
Fisherman Stew
Pan Seared Fresh Catch with Scallops
Mediterranean Fresh Catch with Risotto

DESSERT

Carmel Flan
Ice Cream
Coffee or Tea

Chef's Delight, Linguine Surprise topped with fresh catch

For Reservations call (297) 586-6172 or email us at: info@buccaneeraruba.com

3 decades of great food at a low price



Join us 6 days a week
Monday- Saturday
5:30pm - 10pm



****3 Course Entree \$24.95 per person****

Located between hi & low rise

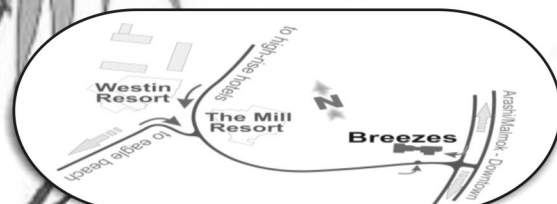
The Lent Special cannot be combined with any promotions

NEW 10% DISCOUNT ON A LA CARTE MENU Breezes Restaurant & Bamboo Lounge

"We dare to be deliciously different"

Make the Breezes Experience a Must! on your vacation and be amazed with Quality, Service and Superb Caribbean and International Cuisine

Fresh Seafood - USDA Prime Steaks - Lamb & Poultry



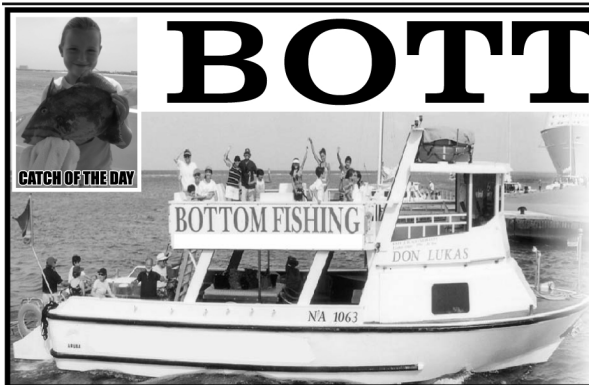
Open from Monday to Saturday 5:30PM-10:00PM
Sunday CLOSED.

Conveniently located past the Old Dutch Mill on the corner of Sasaki Highway.

Look for the 2-story building
Reservation recommended
at Tel: 586-1115 / 565-6644

SEVEN DAYS OUR WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
ENTERTAINMENT FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM

10% Discount on F&B
(cannot be combined with any other promotion)



BOTTOM FISHING

\$10 OFF

PER COUPLE
WHEN YOU BRING THIS AD!

FOR RESERVATIONS

586-5026 or 747-3515

Morning Tours

From 8:30am until 12:30noon

Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday

Includes:

- Lunch at sea, rum punch, refreshment's and fishing gear.

AFTERNOON TOURS

From: 2:00pm until 6:00pm
Saturday

Includes:

- Rum punch
- Refreshment's
- Bait and fishing gear

SNAPPER, TIGER FISH, GROUPER AND MORE AWAIT YOU WHILE CRUISING ALONG THE COAST OR ENJOY A RELAXING BOAT RIDE AND THE CARIBBEAN BREEZE ON OUR UPPER DECK.

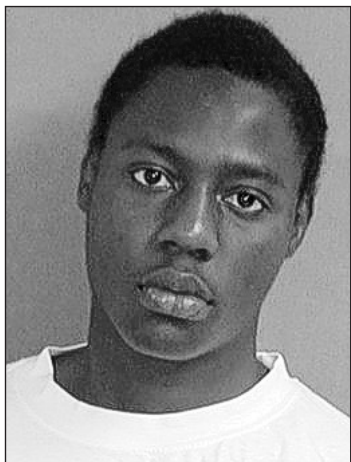
For al-Qaida

Detroit was just the cheapest flight

By ADAM GOLDMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When an admitted al-Qaida operative planned his itinerary for a Christmas 2009 airline bombing, he considered launching the strike in the skies above Houston or Chicago, The Associated Press has learned. But tickets were too expensive, so he refocused the mission on a cheaper destination: Detroit.

The decision is among new details emerging about one of the most sensational terrorism plots to unfold since President Barack Obama took office. It shows that al-Qaida's Yemen branch does not share Osama bin Laden's desire to attack symbolic targets, preferring instead to strike at targets of opportunity. Like the plot that nearly blew up U.S.-bound cargo planes last year, the cities themselves didn't matter. It's a strategy that



Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab

has helped the relatively new group quickly become the No. 1 threat to the United States. After the failed bombing and the arrest of suspected bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the question of why Detroit was targeted had gone unanswered.

It was previously reported that Abdulmutallab did not specifically choose Christmas for his mission.

Abdulmutallab considered

Houston, where he attended an Islamic conference in 2008, current and former counterterrorism officials told the AP. Another person with knowledge of the case said Abdulmutallab also considered Chicago but was discouraged by the cost. All spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case.

While the target and timing were unimportant, the mission itself was a highly organized plot that involved one of the FBI's most wanted terrorists and al-Qaida's go-to bomb maker, current and former officials said. Before Abdulmutallab set off on his mission, he visited the home of al-Qaida manager Fahd al-Quso to discuss the plot and the workings of the bomb.

Al-Quso, 36, is one of the most senior al-Qaida leaders publicly linked to the Christmas plot. □

Giffords' husband hopes she'll be at April launch



Expedition 26 Commander Scott Kelly

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The astronaut husband of wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said Thursday there's a "pretty good chance" she will attend his space shuttle launch next month.

"We still don't know for sure. I'm just awaiting final approval from her doctors," shuttle commander Mark Kelly told reporters at a news conference at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Kelly said his wife, who is recovering from a gunshot wound to the head, is doing "remarkably well."

"She's improving every day and in the realm of brain injuries that is very significant and pretty rare," he said. "She's starting to walk, talk more every day."

Giffords is also beginning to deal with the shooting at a Tucson, Ariz., shopping center in January, he said. "Despite that, she remains in a very good mood," he said.

Kelly spoke at the traditional preflight news conference for shuttle crews. Wearing a turquoise "Gabby" wristband, he spoke first, reading from a statement before the crew took questions. He said he wanted reporters to focus on the shuttle mission, not his wife's recovery.

He is the commander of NASA's next-to-last shuttle flight. Shuttle Endeavour is due to blast off for the final time April 19. The fleet is retiring after shuttle Atlantis makes one last trip to the International Space Station this summer.

Kelly quit training after his wife was shot while meeting with constituents. □

THE BEST ON THE NET



CIT Caribbean Internet Television

Your gateway to the world of entertainment
also featuring:

Top Real Estate/Hotels/Apartments

Latinos por el mundo

Away from home

Tips for tourists

www.caribbeaninternettelevision.net

Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano

Menu Turistico
3 course dinner

\$21.95 p.p.

Open daily from:
5:30 - 11:00 p.m.

A unique outdoor dining experience in the tropical garden at the poolside terrace. Enjoy tasteful pastas, pizzas and seafood specialties prepared with the freshest ingredients.

Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa
Behind the Alhambra Casino

For reservations call: 582 3444
E-mail: giorgios@manchebo.com

Giorgio's
Ristorante Italiano

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Come celebrate a donkey's 50th!



ORANJESTAD - The Donkey Sanctuary of Aruba has a very special birthday party coming up: its oldest donkey, Watty, is turning 50 years old on Sunday, March 27. And because this is a unique occasion, everyone on the island is invited to come and celebrate. Normally a donkey lives to be thirty or forty years old; this milestone is absolutely amazing.

Birthday celebrations will start at 10 o'clock in the morning and they will last until 3 pm. Watty will be spoiled on his day, not only by the volunteers and guests at the Sanctuary, but also by the other 110 donkeys. Besides that, guests can enjoy the family-day that is hosted in Watty's honor. There will be games, snacks and drinks as well as a raffle with great prizes. And all visitors are asked to make a special birthday card for the birthday boy; cards that have been made at home previously can also be delivered to participate in a contest. The winners of this contest will be announced at 2 pm.

This is a unique occasion to help celebrate a unique birthday: turning fifty years old is really something for a donkey! Entry for the birthday party is free of charge. You can get more information via 593-2933 or via e-mail@arubandonkey.org. Please come to the Donkey Sanctuary at Santa Lucia and celebrate! □

At the Radisson Resort

CATA Delegates entertained for lunch



PALM BEACH - The Aruba Tourism Authority officials, hosts of the Annual Tourism Conference, shared a pleasant afternoon with conference delegates at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Resort General Manager Rob Smith welcomed his VIP guests to the Sunset Grille Restaurant where his banqueting and culinary teams dazzled guests with a delicious lunch. Smith gave the dignitaries a short overview of the resort's \$30 million refresh program inviting them and their clients to vacation and unwind at the Radisson, the Grande Dame, sprawled over 15 acres of prime beachfront property.

CATA, which took place for



the first time in 1989, is an annual event designed to educate South American travel professionals about Aruba's vacation product. This year, sixty-nine top producing agents from Bolivia, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Peru and Ecuador came to Aruba to receive updates about the resorts and the activities available.

Pictured here CATA at the Radisson. □



Annual Charity Golf Tourney coming up



Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant

TIERRA DEL SOL - Joining the national effort to raise funds to help the island's families in need, the organizers of the upcoming Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant Golf Tournament have chosen the Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad (Food Aid) as its benefitting charity. This pop-

ular golf event, which is organized by Wente Vineyards' local representative Arion Wine Company, annually donates the substantial proceeds of its golf event to one of Aruba's charities. Benefitting charities of previous golf tournaments included the Junior Chamber, the breakfast foundation for hungry schoolchildren and Casa Cuna.

The Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad (FNPC) is currently very visible because of its major telethon/radio sponsor drive with a fundraising discount card as its innovative motivator. The foundation is trying to help as many needy families as possible; these families often do not even have the money to pay for electricity and water and they struggle to meet their basic food needs. □



CRYSTAL THEATER

Situated in the Renaissance Mall

CEDAR RAPIDS

Enjoy a great evening out
DINNER and a MOVIE

Have dinner at Aquarius Restaurant or L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House and receive a complimentary ticket for the movie Cedar Rapids for only \$39 per person + 15% service charge. Dinner seating starts from 5:30 pm, for reservations please call 523-6115.

For movie only, tickets available at the Crystal Theater Box-office, next to Crystal Casino from 7:00 pm. Movie starts at 8:30 pm.

Movie for only
AWG 13,-

Dinner and Movie only \$39,-
per person plus 15% service charge

L.G. SMITH'S

STEAK & CHOP HOUSE

AQUARIUS

March 25- March 30 2011

Join in Divi IMPACT fund-raising charity bingo



PARADERA - The Divi IMPACT Foundation is hereby inviting the general public to a charity bingo game with Awg 4,100 in prizes. The charity bingo will take place at Club Caiquetio in Paradera on Saturday, March 26th at 8 pm. Tickets for just Awg 10 are available at the department of Human Resources at Tamarijn Aruba Beach Resort and with any Divi IMPACT member.

Divi IMPACT is a non-profit organization that was established on September 2, 2010, with the goal to fundraise for a scholarship fund which will be used to assist Divi employees and/or their children who wish to pursue a higher education, whether on island or abroad. The Foundation's goal is to inspire and motivate Divi's company leadership, owners, guests, business partners and

employees to donate time, money and resources to help the community in creating a higher standard of living and to enhance the Divi Brand locally, by creating educational assistance for employees and their kids.

Carol Jansen, foundation President, reports the first charity bingo event will also include many raffle prizes and some very attractive surprises.

At Amazonia Churrascaria

Pasta Formaggio added to colossal menu

PALM BEACH - Aruba's most popular Brazilian-style steakhouse just added a delicious new option to its already colossal menu: Pasta Formaggio tossed by hand and flamed table-side. Pasta Formaggio appeals to kids, kids at heart, to those in search of rich flavor, and to others in a vegetarian mood. Part of the Italian cuisine, this popular dish savored across the globe is simple, and very satisfying. The velvety, smooth Formaggio is spectacularly scooped from the giant cheese wheel, having been doused in whiskey and set aflame, then served in irresistible piping-hot curls. Pictured here the pasta chef in action. Dinners are also invited to sample from the gourmet 40-item seasonal salad bar, followed by a parade of 16 different cuts of beef, chicken, pork and lamb, grilled to perfection and carved table-side by the restaurant's roaming gauchos. □



Harry, Catherine and Tricia Mah named

Mah family honored as Goodwill Ambassadors



PALM BEACH – A short ceremony at the Penthouse Suite of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa bestowed upon three members of the Mah family the ultimate honor given by the Aruba Tourism Authority, that of Goodwill Ambassadors, having come back to the island for the past 28 and 20 years respectively. Harry and Catherine Mah have vacationed here for 28 years, since their honeymoon cruise ship stopped over on Aruba for just one day. They came back the following year and even bought time-share vacation memberships at the Aruba Beach Club, and later at Casa del Mar. They never stopped enjoying their special relationship with the island, where Harry can relax and unwind from work, away from his phone and his office. Additionally, on March 25th, the Mah family will be cele-

brating Tricia's nuptials at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa surrounded by over 100 wedding guests, among them the extended family members. Tricia had arranged the honoring for her mom and dad as a surprise. Government official Jonathan Boekhoudt officiated over the ceremony thanking the Mahs for their friendship and their many contributions to the island, leaving no eye in the room dry! Plaza Club Manager Germaine Wever arranged for delicious Petits Fours as a token of appreciation on behalf of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, and a toast on the occasion. Pictured here the honoring ceremony with Harry and Catherine Mah, Tricia Mah, Government Official Jonathan Boekhoudt and resort executive who joined in the celebration. □



Shop from Monday thru Saturday till 8 pm at the Renaissance Mall... Home of International Brands



HOP INTO A CAB TO CITY CENTER AND
**WIN A TRIP
FOR TWO BACK
TO ARUBA**

For more information ask your taxi driver
including airfare, hotel plus a \$500
Renaissance Gift Certificate

**WIN A TRIP FOR TWO
BACK TO ARUBA**
including airfare, hotel and a \$500 Renaissance Gift Certificate

Name: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____
Country of Residence: _____

RENAISSANCE
ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

TAXI #: _____

* Required fields in order to be entered to win a free return visit. Complete the form and deposit in one of our raffle drums located in the Renaissance Mall and Marketplace. Raffle will take place every quarter. Winners will be notified by phone or e-mail.
□ please email me special offers from Renaissance Resort

R
RENAISSANCE
MALL

Shopping, dining & entertainment
We have it all!

At Chalet Suisse Restaurant

Double nickels celebration for Angela & Peter



EAGLE BEACH – It all began 22 years ago when Costa Linda began constructing a beautiful resort which is responsible for building many long lasting friendships.

Every year the group celebrates St. Patrick's Day on Aruba together, followed by a birthday bash.

This year the twins Angela and Peter had a double nickels (55) celebration with their

family and friends at the Swiss Chalet Restaurant on Eagle Beach. "Where else would you want to spend your birthday other than beautiful Aruba," the twins chimed in.

It has become a tradition to celebrate at one of their favorite restaurants on Aruba, Chalet Suisse.

The saying of the group is: "Someone has to live like this, so why not us!"

Pictured are: Birthday Twins Angela and Peter with her husband Tony DelBene, his wife Dianna Capobianco; Jessica Haag from Yorktown Heights, NY; Martha and Wayne DeSilva from Boston, Ma; Mary Lou Pagnani from Fenton, Mi; Peter and Linda Messina from Punta Gorda, Florida. Congratulations from your friends at Aruba Today. ☐

Tony Roma's is the island's headquarters for ribs!

Many restaurants claim to have the best ribs in the land, but only Tony Roma's world famous ribs continue to rack up taste awards from a variety of cities, regions, and countries across the globe. Tony Roma's Palm Beach brings this classic to Aruba.

Great ribs put Tony Roma's on the map, but the menu also features an array of flame-grilled favorites including steaks, seafood and chicken. The menu also serves up fresh salads, fantastic burgers and sandwiches, grilled fresh local fish, mouthwatering desserts and delicious appetizers - especially the popular, made-from-scratch Onion Loaf.

Today, there are more than 240 locations on five continents. From Seattle to Miami, Tokyo to Madrid, and Calgary to Aruba, Tony Roma's is creating an international incident with its flame-grilled fare. Discover why Tony Roma's is now an island dining institution!



**Bring this ad
with you
and receive
a free dessert**

Valid with purchase of appetizer
and main course at regular price.
Not valid with other discounts,
specials, coupons or offers.
Tax and tip not included.
Max two coupons per table
of 2 or more guest.

TONY ROMA'S
RIBS • SEAFOOD • STEAKS
PALM BEACH

L.G. Smith Blvd 230. Palm Beach – Aruba
(Across the street from the Holiday Inn Resort)
Tel. 586-7427

MARIO HERNANDEZ

Paseo Herencia Mall. Store C-14. Aruba
Phone: (297)5860300

The luxury of leather

Earthquake

Continued from
Front Page

According to a CNN report, one person was killed by a roof collapse caused by the earthquake. Reuters reported that the quake was felt in Thailand and Vietnam and electricity was cut off in some areas around the quake. Cracks in the road were reported in the town of Tachilek, Myanmar.

The preliminary magnitude for this quake was 7.0 but was later downgraded to a 6.8 by the USGS. Myanmar was also struck by a magnitude 5.4 quake on March 10. This quake, which was centered along the border between Myanmar and China, was responsible for at least 25 deaths and more than 250 injuries. That particular quake was a deeper quake at approximately 35 kilometers or about 21 miles.

A quake along the Myanmar-India border struck earlier in the year on Feb. 4 and registered 6.4 in magnitude.

Today's quake was a shallow quake which is usually more destructive than a deeper earthquake. □

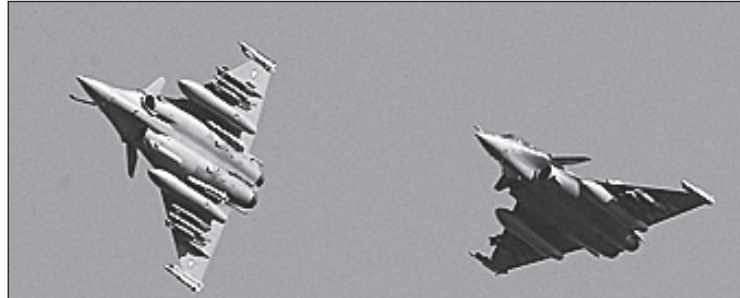
Strikes raise pressure on Gadhafi, rebels alike

By RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — Fighter jets hit aircraft and a crossroads military base deep inside Libya on Thursday and NATO sailors prepared to board suspect ships, blocking new weapons and foreign fighters from resupplying Moammar Gadhafi's depleted forces by land, sea and air. France set a timeframe on the international action at days or weeks not months.

The possibility of a looming deadline raised pressure on rebel forces. So did the arms embargo, which keeps both Gadhafi and his outgunned opposition from getting more weapons. The rebels were so strapped Thursday that they handed out sneakers and not guns at one of their checkpoints.

"We are facing cannons, T-72 and T-92 tanks, so what do we need? We need anti-tank weapons, things like that," said Col. Ahmed Omar Bani, a military spokesman told reporters in Benghazi, the de facto rebel capital. "We are preparing our army now.



Jet Fighters

Before there was no army, from now there is an idea to prepare a new army with new armaments and new morals." The Gadhafi regime appeared equally hard-pressed, asking international forces to spare its broadcast and communications infrastructure.

"Communications, whether by phones or other uses, are civilian and for the good of the Libyan nation to help us provide information, knowledge and coordinate everyday life. If these civilian targets are hit, it will make life harder for millions of civilians around Libya," Moussa Ibrahim, a government spokesman, told reporters in Tripoli. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said the international action would last days or possibly

weeks, but not months. But he told RTL radio that in addition to protecting civilians, the mission "is also about putting Gadhafi's opponents, who are fighting for democracy and freedom, in a situation of taking back the advantage."

Libyan state television showed blackened and mangled bodies that it said were victims of airstrikes in Tripoli. Rebels have accused Gadhafi's forces of taking bodies from the morgue and pretending they are civilian casualties.

A U.S. intelligence report on March 21, the day after coalition missiles attacked Gadhafi's Bab al-Aziziya compound in the capitol, said that a senior Gadhafi aide was told to take bodies from a morgue and place them at the scene of the bomb damage,

to be displayed for visiting journalists. A senior U.S. defense official revealed the contents of the intelligence report on condition of anonymity because it was classified secret.

The French strikes hit a base about 250 kilometers south of the Libyan coastline, as well as a Libyan combat plane that had just landed outside the strategic city of Misrata, France's military said.

In Tripoli, Libyan deputy foreign minister Khaled Kaim said that the "military compound at Juffra" was among the targets hit. Juffra is one of at least two air bases deep in Libya's interior, on main routes that lead from neighboring countries in the Sahara region that have been suppliers of arms and fighters for the Gadhafi regime.

The town of Sabha, about 385 miles south of Tripoli, has another air base and international airport and is a major transit point for the ethnic Tuareg fighters from Mali and Niger who have fought for Gadhafi for the past two decades. □

NEED CASH TODAY? PAWN OR SELL YOUR GOLD



HIGHEST PRICES ON ARUBA



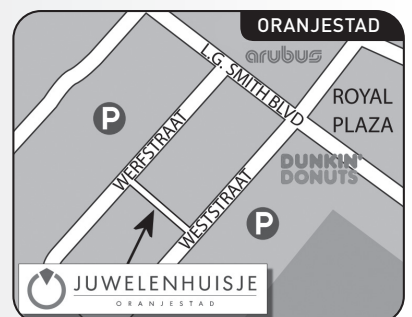
LOWEST COSTS

NOBODY PAYS YOU MORE, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!



JUWELENHUISJE

OPEN 10AM - 6PM MONDAY - FRIDAY



Unemployed & Uncounted

Everett Cook
Associated Press

I am, along with many others, one of the unemployed that isn't counted when you read about the unemployment rate. I have been unemployed for five years and barely make ends make, and even have difficulty paying my \$30 phone bill each month.

Hard to believe isn't it when \$30 a month is a difficult choice to make when it comes to having a phone or buying food. But if I don't have a phone I won't be able to contact, or be contacted, by the potential employers out there. I have a BA in business, worked for international companies and a very talented photographer. My girlfriend, the loving soul that she is, graciously takes on most of the bills that the both of us incur each month. I am just thankful we don't have any children at this time because we cannot afford the extra costs, nor would I want them to be affected by the plight that we are currently enduring. We have mounting expenses: medical, dental and I have had to sell off most of my photography equipment. I have sold so much of my equipment that I cannot make any money with what is now a hobby, it was once a source of income, photography. We have had to move from a nice house, out

in the sticks where it is quiet, the people are nice and it is safe. The two of us, in our 30s, now live in a poor neighborhood, in a studio apartment. With the occasional gunfire, drug dealing and gang activity. What has happened to our world? We do not qualify for any federal assistance; my girlfriend earns too much and I am too honest to lie in order to get the help that I have paid into. And every day I just look at the people who are in the same boat, without a paddle, traveling down the same creek. It is depressing and it has taken a toll on my hairline and general health. And sometimes I wake in the night to find my loving girlfriend crying because we have to make difficult choices in what to spend our money on; food or bills. It is genuinely painful to wake in the morning at 6, get online and look for work. (We are fortunate to have a neighbor that lets us surf on her Wi-Fi signal; that is a god-send). Sending out resumes, calling the numbers listed on the various ads and not getting a response 90 percent of the time. And every time that I have a lead, get dressed up nice, trim what's left of my hair and head out to the interview only to find 30 or more other people applying for the same, single position that is available. □

Why taxpayers paid Luxury Jet

By MICHAEL SCHERER
Associated Press

On Feb. 11, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, his wife and three aides flew in a luxury jet to Washington for a week-end of politicking, including an appearance on Fox News Sunday and a speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference. "Our problem is not that we tax too little," Barbour told the gathering. "It's that we spend too much."

The potential presidential contender may have another problem:

Mississippi taxpayers paid the tab for Barbour's first-class travel. State documents obtained by TIME show that Mississippi shelled out \$7,020 to shuttle Barbour and his entourage to and from D.C. on its Cessna Citation, a cost that Barbour says is justified by state work he did in D.C. over the same weekend. "The trip requests make clear the Governor was on official business including meetings with members of Congress about issues ranging from economic development to energy policy and health care reform - all important to the people of Mississippi," says his spokeswoman Laura Hipp.

According to the documents, Barbour's reason for using the state plane was a "meeting with Congressional leaders"; his office declined to make public his full schedule for the two day visit.

Taking the state's jet for a mix of personal and state business is nothing new for Barbour,



Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour

who says he will make a final decision on a presidential bid in April.

He racked up more than \$300,000 in taxpayer-funded travel bills in 2010, spending all or part of at least 175 days outside the state, according to the Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson, Miss.

On trips with less overlap with state business, Barbour has made a habit of hiring his

own private plane, his aides say. State law places few restrictions on a governor's use of the plane. But such luxuries clash with the cost-cutting message Barbour is bringing to Republicans around the country. "It's very ironic," says Lynn Evans of Mississippi's Common Cause, a nonpartisan watchdog group. "For him, that's just the way it's supposed to work." □

Few Americans see Obama as strong military leader

By Arshad Mohammed
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Only 17 percent of Americans see President Barack Obama as a strong and decisive military leader, according to Ipsos poll taken after the United States and its allies began bombing Libya. Nearly half of those polled view Obama as a cautious and consultative commander-in-chief and more than a third see him as indecisive in military matters. Obama was widely criticized

in 2009 for his months-long consultations with senior aides and military chiefs on whether to send more troops to Afghanistan. Critics called it dithering, but he said such a big decision required careful deliberation. He eventually dispatched 30,000 more troops. But Obama is facing mounting discontent among opposition Republicans and from within his own Democratic Party over the fuzzy aims of the U.S.-led mission in Libya and the lack of a



President Barack Obama

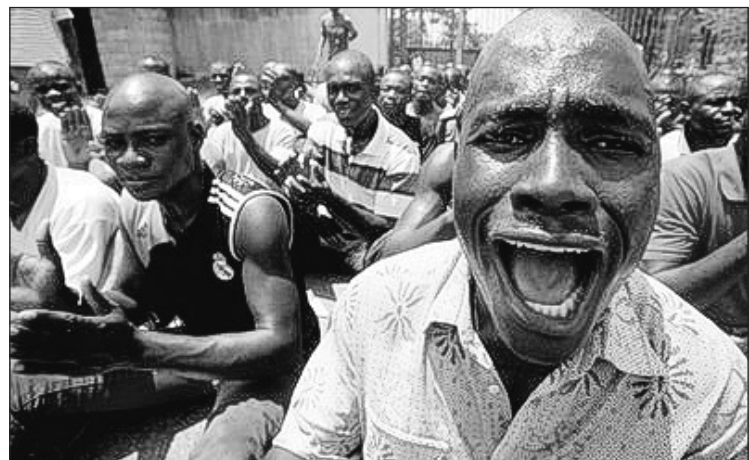
clearly spelled-out exit strategy for U.S. forces.

If the Libya mission becomes a foreign policy mess, mixed with perceptions Obama is a weak military leader, it could spell trouble for him in the 2012 presidential election. The poll also found that 60 percent of Americans support the United States and its allies bombing Libya to impose a no-fly zone to protect civilians from Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's forces. Seventy-nine percent of those

surveyed said the United States and its allies should try to remove Gaddafi, who has ruled the oil-exporting North African country for more than four decades. In the survey, conducted on March 22 from a nationally representative sample of 975 adults, only 7 percent supported deploying ground troops. Of the 60 percent in favor of the Libya military action, 20 percent strongly supported it and 40 percent somewhat supported it. □

In Nigeria

Bloc calls on UN to oust Gbagbo



Youths supporting sitting president Laurent Gbagbo

By BASHIR ADIGUN
Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria – The regional body representing nations in West Africa called on the United Nations Security Council to take immediate steps to force the outgoing president of Ivory Coast to cede office.

In a statement released Thursday, the Economic Community of West African States described the situation in Ivory Coast as a “regional humanitarian emergency” caused by President Laurent Gbagbo’s refusal to yield power. The bloc, known as ECOWAS,

said the Security Council needs “to facilitate the immediate transfer of power to Mr. Alassane Ouattara.”

Mounting violence in Ivory Coast has claimed the lives of more than 460 people since the Nov. 28 election. Gbagbo lost by a nearly 9-point margin to opposition leader Ouattara, but has refused to stand down. His militias, meanwhile, have begun attacking United Nations peacekeepers and foreigners who have been labeled “terrorists” on state TV, in what appears to be a desperate attempt to cling to power. □

After Tsunami

Dolphin saved after dumped in rice field



Rescued baby dolphin

TOKYO – A baby dolphin has been rescued in Japan after being dumped in a rice field by a giant tsunami that hit the coast on March 11. The dolphin was spotted in the flooded field, about 2 km (a mile) from the coast, said Ryo Taira, a pet-shop owner who has been rescuing animals abandoned after the 9.0 magnitude quake and tsunami left 23,000 people dead or missing. “A man passing by said he had found the dolphin in the rice paddy and that we had to do something to save it,” the 32-year-old Taira told Reuters. Taira found the dolphin struggling in the shallow seawater on Tuesday and after failing to net it, waded in to the field, which had yet to be sown with rice, to cradle the 1.2-meter animal in his arms. □

Libya officials, opposition meeting

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS – Representatives of Moammar Gadhafi’s government and the Libyan opposition will be among those attending an African Union meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday.

The meeting is part of efforts to reach a cease-fire and political solution in Libya, Ban said. The U.N. chief told the Security Council that his special envoy to Libya, former Jordanian foreign minister Abdelilah Al-Khatib, as well as representatives of relevant countries and regional organizations will also attend. Ban told the 15-member council that there is no evidence that Libyan officials have instituted a cease-fire as they claim.

“To the contrary, fierce battles continue in or around the cities of Ajdabiya, Misrata and Zi-



United Nations Security Council

tan, among others,” Ban said in his first report since the council passed two resolutions aimed at protecting civilians in Libya.

Ban said Al-Khatib has warned Gadhafi government officials that the council is prepared to take additional measures if they do not respect the two resolutions that call for a cease-fire.

“The special envoy emphasized that it was in Libya’s best interest to cease hostilities and change the dynamics of the crisis,” he said.

The second of the council’s two resolutions also authorized establishment of a no-fly zone and the use of “all necessary measures” to protect civilians in Libya. □



Super Weekend

Bingo

Every Saturday & Sunday 1 pm
8 games + one progressive game,
door prizes,
soft drinks & snacks!
\$6 for 4 cards / Avg. 2 for the progressive!

Special Feature:



Win a SUZUKI SX4

Get a raffle ticket to participate in the weekly Friday raffle
And in the Suzuki SX4 raffle on March 25th, with every hand-paid jackpot of \$50 and more...

The more you play, the more you win, the more chances you get to win. Me

Saturday 7 pm
*No Limit Hold'em
Poker Tournament*

Saturday 9 pm
*Spin to Win Slots
Tournament* Live Music

FREE Premium Drinks!
while playing slots or table games

The Casino at the Radisson
Open daily from 12 noon to 4am
For information call +297 586 4045



Minimum \$1,300 in Prizes

Renaissance Market Place
(C) 583-6108

Paseo Herencia Mall
(C) 586-2113

Express, Sta. Cruz
(C) 585-8536

Personalized Service Always close to you!

ALFAPARF
MILANO

KÉRASTASE
PARIS

PHYTO
L'ÉCOLOGIE DES CHEVEUX

O.P.I

Maggy's
Full Service Salons
Your Beauty Emporium Since 1955



Merkel calls for nuclear power alter

By **RAF CASERT**
Associated Press

BRUSSELS – German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Thursday nuclear energy policy across the European Union has to fundamentally change to take the fallout of Japan's nuclear accident into account.

Merkel has already ordered the temporary closure of seven of Germany's oldest reactors and said ahead of Thursday's EU summit of government leaders in Brussels that nations using nuclear energy "cannot just go back to normal." Her cautious approach contrasts with that of France, which early this week launched an impassioned defense of nuclear power.

Worried Syrian regime offers promise of change



Syrian security forces

By **HUSSEIN MALLA**
Associated Press

DARAA, Syria – The Syrian government pledged Thursday to consider lifting some of the Mideast's most repressive laws in an attempt to stop a week-long uprising in a southern city from spreading and threatening its nearly 50-year rule.

The promises were immediately rejected by many activists who called for demonstra-

tions around the country in response to a crackdown that protesters say killed dozens of anti-government marchers in the city of Daraa.

"We will not forget the martyrs of Daraa," a resident told The Associated Press by telephone. "If they think this will silence us they are wrong."

The coming days will be a crucial test of the surge of popular discontent that has

unseated autocrats in Tunisia and Egypt and threatens to push several others from power.

On one side in Syria stands a regime unafraid of using extreme violence to quash internal unrest.

In one infamous example, it leveled entire sections of the city of Hama with artillery and bulldozers to put down an uprising by the Sunni Islamist Muslim Brotherhood in 1982. Facing the regime is a loosely organized protest movement in the main city of southern Syria's drought-parched agricultural heartland.

Sheltering in Daraa's Roman-era old city, the protesters have persisted through seven days of increasing violence by security forces, but have not inspired significant unrest in other parts of the country.

"Even if the government can contain violence to Daraa for

the time-being, protests will spread," Joshua Landis, a Syria expert at the University of Oklahoma, wrote in a recent blog posting. "The wall of fear has broken."

President Bashar Assad, a close ally of Iran and its regional proxies, Hezbollah and Hamas, appears worried enough to promise increased freedoms for discontented citizens and increased pay and benefits for state workers a familiar package of incentives offered by other nervous Arab regimes in recent weeks.

"To those who claim they want freedom and dignity for the (Syrian) people, I say to them we have seen the example of Iraq, the million martyrs there and the loss of security there," presidential adviser Buthaina Shaaban told reporters in the capital, Damascus, as she announced the promises of reform. □

Japanese firemen battle invisible danger

By **Kiyoshi Takenaka**
Associated Press

TOKYO – The most difficult thing in a nuclear crisis, the Tokyo firefighter said, was the inability to sense where the danger was.

The Tokyo Fire Department's elite rescue team was among those called in to cool down a nuclear plant north of the capital that was badly damaged by a March 11 earthquake and tsunami and was leaking radiation.

"We usually detect dangers, like fire and smoke, with our eyes, ears and nose, and eliminate some of them, if not all," said Yukio Takayama, a leader of the team.

"At our latest site, we couldn't sense the dangers. It can be very scary if you cannot eliminate dangers for yourselves. As long as you work on the scene, you are



Fire Fighters

constantly in danger, and a sense of fear is with you all the time. But someone had to do this and that someone was us." Takayama said he and his men had been tested for radiation exposure after they installed equipment and left the plant and they were all fine.

After the disaster knocked out cooling systems at the Tokyo Electric Power plant in Fukushima, 240 km north of Tokyo, the government scrambled to send in military and firefighters to hose down the reactors and spent fuel pools. □



LOCATED AT THE HOLIDAY INN

Black Jack, Craps, 3 Card Poker, Caribbean Stud
Poker, Slots and daily Bingos!!!
Only Casino in Aruba
Where dealer stands on
Soft 17

SPORTS BOOK

No charge or tax on winnings

Live simulcast of all major tracks
Highest limits in Aruba

POKER ROOM
Tournaments

Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:30 PM \$10
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 6:30 PM \$25
Fridays at 7:00 PM \$50
Saturdays at 7:00 PM Freeze out \$150
Sundays at 7:00 PM Freeze out \$100

(Tournaments are subject to charge as per
Management criteria)
Lady Luck is waiting for you at Excelsior Casino!!

Amanda Knox says

US movie is 'invasion' of my life

PERUGIA, Italy — U.S. student Amanda Knox told a court Thursday that a movie documenting the murder of her British roommate and Knox's trial is an "invasion of my life," her lawyer said.

Knox made the statement at a civil court hearing, held behind closed-doors, aimed at halting circulation of the film "Amanda Knox: Murder on Trial in Italy." "I'm upset over this invasion of my life, and for the speculation at my expense," Knox told the court, according to her lawyer Carlo Dalla Vedova.

Dalla Vedova noted the movie aired in February on the Lifetime television network despite his legal attempt to block it.

He said it is also available on Lifetime's website, and on video streaming sites. He also wants trailers for the movie, which features "Heroes" star Hayden Pa-



Amanda Knox

nettiere in the title role, removed from other sites where they appear.

"Before it was a threat of damage. Today there is ongoing damage," Dalla Vedova said, citing Knox's appeal on her murder conviction.

The appeals trial continues Saturday.

"It is today causing real damage to Amanda, to the Italian justice system and to her privacy," he said, citing references to Knox's sex life and medical history made in the film.

Les Eisner, a spokesman for Lifetime's parent company, A&E Television Networks, said Thursday that the network had no comment.

Dalla Vedova said the civil case was delayed until July 4 so Lifetime can respond to a summons to appear before the court.

Knox was convicted of murdering Meredith Kercher in the apartment they shared as exchange students in Perugia, and sentenced to 26 years in prison. Her co-defendant and ex-boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito of Italy, also was convicted and sentenced to 25 years. □

In Australia

Admiral calls time on drunken sailors

by Martin Parry
Associated Press

SYDNEY— Australian navy chief Vice-Admiral Russ Crane on Thursday demanded an end to the service's booze culture, warning of mandatory breath-tests and curfews on shore leave. The tough message, in a video address shown across the navy, followed a 400-page report released this year on sordid behavior involving HMAS Success in 2009. The report examined allegations of a "predatory culture" and drunken misconduct on the ship, with sailors accused of maintaining a list known as The Ledger which put dollar values on sexual conquests with female colleagues. The claims covered a period between March and May



Sailors getting drunk

2009 when the ship designed to supply naval combat units with fuel, ammunition, food and stores while at sea, was deployed to the Philippines, China, Hong Kong and Singapore. "The misuse and abuse of alcohol is a common element throughout the report," said Crane. "The navy is not immune from the alcohol problems which confront this nation, especially when it comes to binge drinking, but we must hold ourselves to higher standard. □

Gaza militants fire rockets into Israel



Israeli police officers

By ARON HELLER
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinian militants in Gaza fired a new wave of rockets that landed deep inside Israel Thursday, defying Israeli retaliatory attacks and threats. As the violence threatened to escalate the day after a deadly Jerusalem bombing, Israel got a boost from the visiting U.S. defense chief, who said no country could tolerate the "repugnant" attacks on its soil. Police said Gaza militants fired 10 rockets and mortars toward Israel Thursday, including two rockets that landed north of the city of Ashdod a first since Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers reached an unofficial truce following a three-week war that ended in January 2009. Israeli airstrikes hit a number of Gaza targets in retaliation throughout the day. Neither side reported injuries or said they wanted a new fight. But the new hostilities could easily spin out of control, especially if civilian deaths mount.

Wednesday's bombing killed a British tourist, and five members of a Jewish family were slain while they slept in a West Bank settlement earlier this month. Israel has blamed Palestinians for both attacks.

Also this week, Israeli shelling killed three children and their uncle in Gaza. The army said it was targeting militants. The fighting in Gaza has been the fiercest since Israel went to war there to try to curb years of rocket attacks. The fierce three-week offensive killed some 1,400 Palestinians, including hundreds of civilians. □

Seaport Casino presents

BIGGER BETTER BINGO

CARNIVAL STYLE

Sunday, March 27th 2011
starting from 4 pm at the Renaissance Convention Center

Live Entertainment
from 5 pm - 9 pm with Spices
Non-alcoholic beverages included

Bingo = AWG 20,- per card of 10 games
Progresivo = AWG 3,- per card of 6 games

Best percentage Payback machines on the island

Game 1 AWG 400,-	P	Game 7 AWG 500,-
Game 2 AWG 400,-	A	Game 8 AWG 800,-
Game 3 AWG 400,-	U	Game 9 AWG 1000,-
Game 4 AWG 500,-	Z	Game 10 Progresivo den mas cu 51 jamada AWG 1000,-
Game 5 AWG 500,-	E	Game 10 AWG 6500,-
Game 6 AWG 500,-		

DOOR PRIZES

1 Weekend stay Renaissance Curacao	5 Dinner for two at Aquarius	5 Free bingo ticket for Sunday Bingo
--	---	--

No Kiss from Kate



By MAUREEN DOWD
© 2011 New York Times

WASHINGTON — When Chris Dodd accepted the job as head of the Motion Picture Association of America, he did not know the address of his new office, located just down the street from the White House. “I discovered the address was 1600 I Street, and there was a time in my life when I had ambitions to have a 1600 address,” he says wryly. “But I missed by a block.” Dodd, a 66-year-old former presidential candidate, throws back his head of gleaming white hair and laughs with gleaming white teeth. He started his job on St. Patrick’s Day, for luck, and on Friday, he’s still wearing a green tie. “It’s like the first day of school,” he says as he admires the old movie posters on the wall — Alfred Hitchcock, James Dean and Bette Davis. At first Dodd was unsure about becoming the Washington promoter for six major Hollywood studios because, as he told the McClatchy papers, “I’m not into the glitz.” His life now revolves around his wife, Jackie, and his two lovely young daughters, Grace and Christina. He has already warned his daughters not to expect perks (like an early copy of the final Harry Potter movie). He told them, “Your friendships should be based on people liking you and not what you can bring along.” Of course, as a Connecticut senator who was the son of a Connecticut senator, Dodd has had plenty of brushes with celebrity. He campaigned with Paul Simon and hung out with Paul Newman in Westport. He had a cameo in the political movie “Dave.” As a merry bachelor in the

’80s, he was linked to Bianca Jagger and Carrie Fisher. He even ran into one of his most famous constituents, Katharine Hepburn, who lived out her life at her family home in Fenwick, on the mouth of the Connecticut River. He had stopped by the Fenwick house of a friend, Ellsworth Grant, Hepburn’s brother-in-law. “I walk up the back step of his house and the door opens up, and Ellsworth and Katharine Hepburn are standing 3 feet away,” Dodd recalls. “And Ellsworth says to me in a very loud voice, ‘Would you like to meet Katharine Hepburn?’ and she’s not even glanced in my direction. So I say, ‘I’d be honored, delighted.’ And he says to her really loudly, ‘Katharine, do you want to meet Senator Dodd?’ And without ever looking at me, she goes, ‘Why?’” He laughs. If he seems happy, it’s understandable. After 36 years in Congress, his final stretch in the Senate was not easy. As chairman of the Banking Committee, he was dealing with the financial crisis while shepherding Teddy Kennedy’s health care bill as his good friend was dying. In trouble with Connecticut voters for taking a VIP home mortgage from Countrywide Financial, he didn’t seek re-election. Dodd is legally not allowed to lobby Congress for 22 more months. “Aside from that,” he says, “I don’t think it necessarily involves a principal all the time.” He has lobbyists on his staff. “Whatever else the world may think of us, they think we do a pretty good job at telling a story,” he says. “There’s probably someone around the world burning an American flag as we’re talking, and it wouldn’t be a shocking circumstance that once they’re finished demonstrating, they’ll go home tonight and they’ll probably watch an American movie.” It’s a tough job in an era of digital looting — Dodd disdains the word piracy as too “romantic” — and studios enmeshed in the webs of multinational corporations predicted by Paddy Chayefsky in “Network.” □

CURRY
EL DIARIO DE COAHUILA
Saltillo Coah
MEXICO



CURRY
CAI/NYTS

CartoonArts International: www.nytsyn.com/cartoons

Hugs From Libyans



NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF
© 2011 New York Times

CAIRO — This may be a first for the Arab world: An American airman who bailed out over Libya was rescued from his hiding place in a sheep pen by villagers who hugged him, served him juice and thanked him effusively for bombing their country. Even though some villagers were hit by American shrapnel, one gamely told an Associated Press reporter that he bore no grudges. Then, on Wednesday in Benghazi, the major city in eastern Libya whose streets would almost certainly be running with

blood now if it weren’t for the American-led military intervention, residents held a “thank you rally.” They wanted to express gratitude to coalition forces for helping save their lives. Doubts are reverberating across America about the military intervention in Libya. Those questions are legitimate, and the uncertainties are huge. But let’s not forget that a humanitarian catastrophe has been averted for now and that this intervention looks much less like the 2003 invasion of Iraq than the successful 1991 gulf war to rescue Kuwait from Iraqi military occupation. This is also one of the few times in history when outside forces have intervened militarily to save the lives of citizens from their government. More commonly, we wring our hands for years as victims are massacred, and then, when it is too late, earnestly declare: “Never again.” In 2005, the United Nations approved a new doctrine called the “responsibility to protect,” nicknamed R2P, declaring that world powers have the right and obli-

gation to intervene when a dictator devours his people. The Libyan intervention is putting teeth into that fledgling concept, and here’s one definition of progress: The world took three-and-a-half years to respond forcefully to the slaughter in Bosnia, and about three-and-a-half weeks to respond in Libya. Granted, intervention will be inconsistent. We’re more likely to intervene where there are also oil or security interests at stake. But just as it’s worthwhile to feed some starving children even if we can’t reach them all, it’s worth preventing some massacres or genocides even if we can’t intervene every time. I opposed the 2003 Iraq invasion because my reporting convinced me that most Iraqis hated Saddam Hussein but didn’t want American forces intruding on their soil. This time my reporting persuades me that most Libyans welcome outside intervention. “Opinion was unanimous,” Michel Gabaudan, the president of Refugees International, told me Wednesday after a visit to Libya. □



Sweet 16: Sharapova wins opening match at Sony Open

No.16 seed Maria Sharapova of Russia, returns a shot back to Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, during the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

Page 4

SPORTS

Aruba TODAY

On Top Of The News E-mail:news@arubatoday.com Website:www.arubatoday.com Tel:582-7800 Friday, March 25 2011



India's Yuvraj Singh celebrates their win in the Cricket World Cup quarterfinal match between India and Australia, in Ahmedabad, India, Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

World Cup fireworks as India advance

SIMON HAYDON

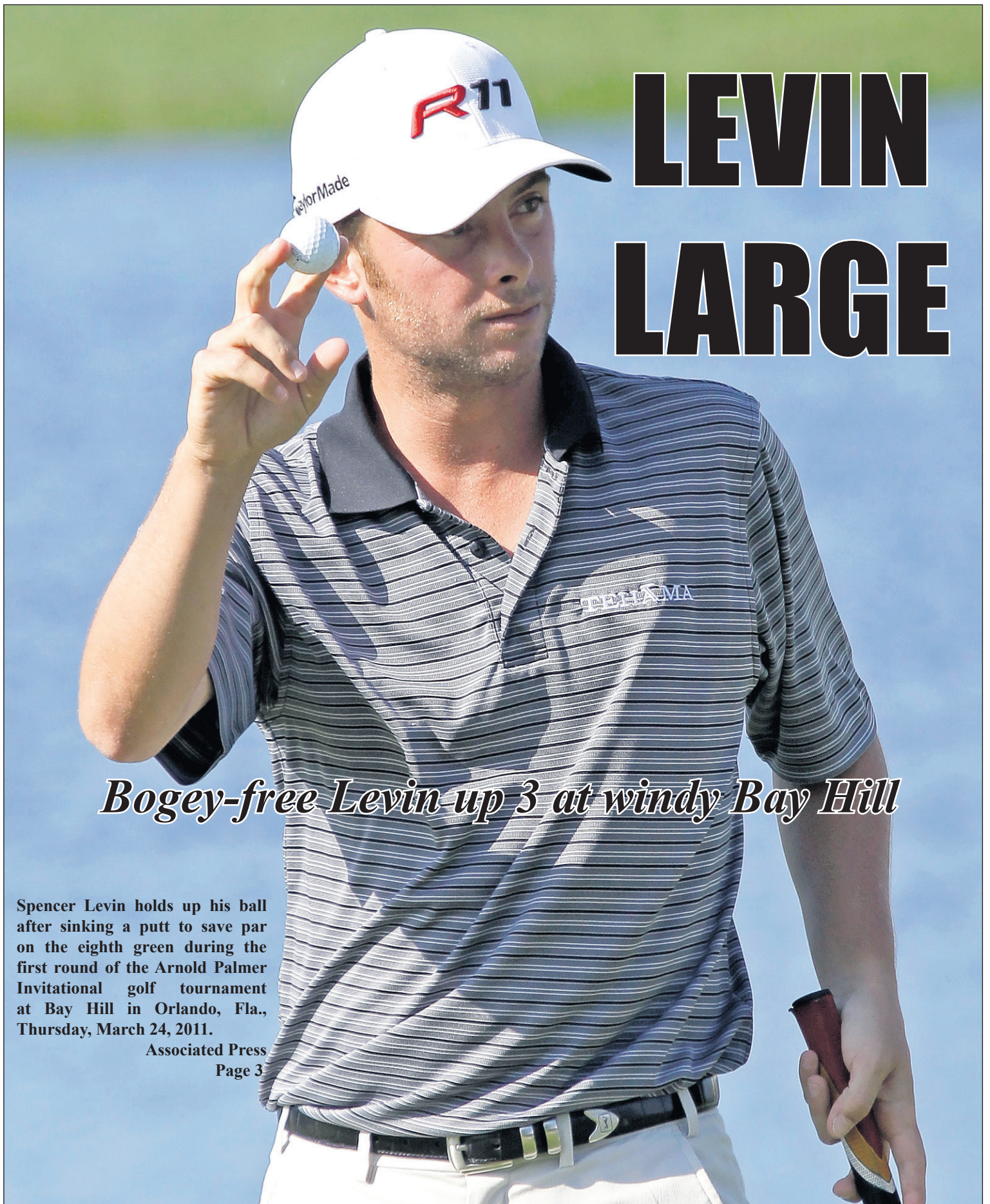
AP Sports Writer

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

— The World Cup exploded into life on Thursday as India beat Australia in the quarterfinals in a battle royal between the world's cricketing heavyweights, an England player returned home suffering from depression, and West Indies again sank into recriminations for another failure.

The clash between India and Australia in Ahmedabad featured a century from captain Ricky Ponting and a half century from batting great Sachin Tendulkar, but it was Yuvraj Singh, with his fourth half century of the tournament, who kept his nerve to see India past the Australian total of 260.

Continued on Page B2



LEVIN LARGE

Bogey-free Levin up 3 at windy Bay Hill

Spencer Levin holds up his ball after sinking a putt to save par on the eighth green during the first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla., Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

Page 3

Ralph Nader calls for ending athletic scholarships

By **FREDERIC J. FROMMER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is calling for the elimination of college athletic scholarships, saying the move is necessary to “de-professionalize” college athletes.

“As we near the exciting conclusion of ‘March Madness’ — which would more accurately be described as the 2011 NCAA Professional Basketball Championships — it’s time we step back and finally address the myth of amateurism surrounding big-time college football and basketball in this country,” said Nader, whose League of Fans is proposing that the scholarships be replaced with need-based financial aid.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the proposal Thursday, ahead of its official release.

NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said referring to college athletes as professionals defies logic.

“They are students, just like any other student on campus who receives a merit-based scholarship,” he said.

Nader, a former presidential candidate, argued that his plan would also help reduce the “win-at-all-costs” mentality in high schools, by reducing the incentive of college scholarships.

“An entire industry has devel-

oped in the youth sports arena — club teams, personal trainers, etc. — to prey on families’ dreams of an athletic scholarship,” he said. “The lure of the elusive athletic scholarship is the primary — sometimes the only — marketing tool these youth sports entrepreneurs use.”

He said he would try to gin up support for his proposal from university presidents, Capitol Hill and the Education Department.

“We’ll use all the levers,” Nader said.

“We’ll use the parents of athletes who’ve been mistreated and sick, and forced to play when they’re injured.”

Nader added that he hadn’t yet canvassed Capitol Hill, but figured he’d find lawmakers who are concerned about the way college athletes are treated.

He noted that the Drake Group, a college athletic watchdog organization, has come out in favor of banning athletic scholarships.

Nader said that colleges should either integrate athletics into the educational mission by eliminating college scholarships, or, “openly acknowledge the professionalism in big-time college sports, remove the tax-exempt status currently given to athletic departments, and make universities operate them as unrelated businesses.” □



Australia’s captain Ricky Ponting plays a shot off the bowling of India’s Sachin Tendulkar during the Cricket World Cup quarterfinal match between India and Australia in Ahmedabad, India, Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

Continued From B1

The victory ended Australia’s 12-year domination of the World Cup. The Australians, unbeaten in 34 consecutive World Cup matches until back-to-back defeats to Pakistan and India within six days, slumped to their worst run at the marquee limited-overs event since 1992.

Ponting answered the critics who called for him to retire or be fired as captain, grafting 104 from 118 balls to anchor Australia’s 260 for six, but it wasn’t enough to save the defending champions.

If sporting rivalry is considerable between India and Australia, it’s nothing compared to the passionate rivalry between India and Pakistan, who will meet in the semifinal in Mohali next week.

Almost incidentally, the 37-year-old Tendulkar completed 18,000 runs in limited-overs internationals during his innings.

Tendulkar, who has scored the most runs and centuries in both test and one-day cricket, pushed a delivery from pace bowler Brett Lee through the

covers to get to the mark.

England allrounder Michael Yardy returned home suffering from depression and was replaced by legspinner Adil Rashid, two days before their quarterfinal against Sri Lanka. The England & Wales Cricket Board said in a statement that Yardy, 30, needed advice and treatment, “to overcome an illness he has been managing for a prolonged period of time.”

Yardy said that leaving as England prepared for Sri Lanka in Colombo on Saturday was a difficult decision: “I felt that it was the only sensible option for me and I wanted to be honest about the reason behind that decision.”

Yardy is the second England player to leave a tour because of depression. Opener Marcus Trescothick fought and failed to beat the illness that attacked him whenever he left his family and home to travel abroad.

Yardy’s teammate Ravi Bopara said the news came as a shock, even though Yardy had not seemed his usual self in recent days.

“I only just found out this

morning. There was a group message sent around,” he said. “I’ve noticed over the last couple of days that he wasn’t 100 percent Michael Yardy.”

Yardy said he was looking forward to spending time with his wife and two children.

“I would appreciate some privacy over the coming weeks while I spend time with family and close friends ahead of what I hope will be a successful season for Sussex,” Yardy said. West Indies batsman Chris Gayle did not take too kindly to criticism of senior players by coach Ottis Gibson, who said they should take responsibility for the feeble 10-wicket defeat at the hands of Pakistan in Wednesday’s quarterfinal.

The 31-year-old Gayle posted an apology to West Indies fans on his Twitter feed on Thursday, but added: “it is easy to blame the senior players, but difficult to accept the truth!!! Curse me blame me!!!!”

A happier coach, Waqar Younis, hopes Pakistan’s progress to the semifinals will help bring international cricket back to his home nation. □

ECONOMY

CAR RENTAL

- **LOW** rates
- **FREE** pick-up
- **FREE** delivery
- **FREE** road map
- **FAST** & friendly service



**PLEASE CALL US DIRECT:
TEL: 583-0200**

IF YOU LOVED 'AN ISLAND AWAY' DISCOVER ALL OF DANIEL PUTKOWSKI'S NOVELS



On Sale ONLINE & IN ARUBA at Most Hotel Gift Shops

praise for AN ISLAND AWAY

★★★★★ "Insightful tale ... Great beach read."

praise for BONK'S BAR

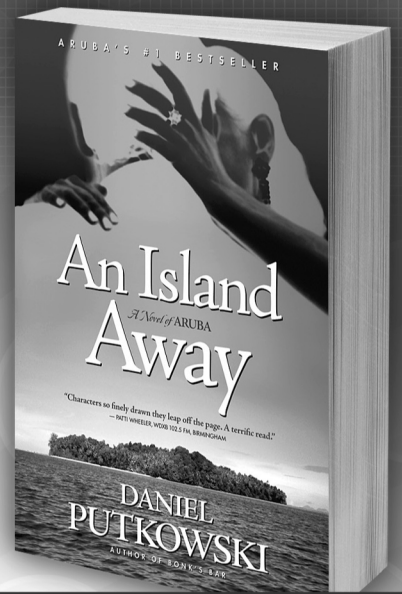
★★★★★ "Sensational book! Couldn't put it down!"

amazon.com
and you're done.

amazonkindle

DANIELPUTKOWSKI.com

Read Daniel Putkowski's novels on your iPad & iPhone APPS AVAILABLE AT AMAZON.COM



Levin flawless in the wind to lead Bay Hill

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) —

On a course that allowed only three rounds in the 60s and the most rounds in the 80s in nearly two decades, Spencer Levin shot a 6-under 66 for a three-shot lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Thursday.

Tiger Woods and his power group of Dustin Johnson and Gary Woodland provided the entertainment everyone expected, although not this variety. Woodland hit a tee shot onto another golf course, Johnson wound up 80 yards over a green and onto the next tee, and Woods angrily tossed his wedge after his best shot of the day.

Their scores weren't impressive.

Woods missed a 10-foot par putt on the last hole for a 73, his highest opening round since 1999 at Bay Hill, where he was a six-time winner. Johnson and Woodland, coming off a win last week at Innisbrook, each shot 77.

Levin built the largest 18-hole lead of the year on the U.S. PGA Tour, but even that doesn't illustrate how well he played to top the leaderboard after the opening round for the third time this year. His 66 was nearly nine shots better than the average score at Bay Hill, which featured gusts over 20 mph (32 kph) and crusty conditions in the

afternoon.

Rickie Fowler and Hunter Mahan, joint second to Levin, played in the calmer morning, as did Phil Mickelson, who opened with a 70.

The tough conditions showed themselves more at the bottom of the leaderboard. U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell had an 80, as did Bob Hope winner Jhonattan Vegas and Brandt Snedeker. Ricky Barnes shot an 82. There were 13 rounds in the 80s, the most at Bay Hill since there were 24 in the second round in 1983.

And then there was Levin.

"Six under ... I didn't really even think about that on the range," Levin said. "Because I know the course is hard, anyway, and then you have 20, 30 mph wind and makes it even more tough. I was just kind of hoping anything around par, maybe anything under par, would be a good score in the afternoon for sure."

As usual, it came down to putting.

Levin, who also had at least a share of the lead in the Honda Classic and Northern Trust Open at Riviera, holed a par putt from just off the green at No. 6 and chipped in for birdie from left of the second green. The finish kept his spirits high. From the right bunker on No. 8, he blasted out across the green and down the slope to 8 feet for par, then atoned for a mediocre bunker shot on

No. 9 with a 10-foot putt.

"That was nice," Levin said. "Obviously, a lot better mood. Parred the last two when I could have bogeyed, so that was good."

There wasn't much good about the feature group.

Woods struggled with his tee shots on the front nine and didn't hit a single fairway, although he was in big trouble only once off the tee. The bigger problem was the wind, and Woods twice had to back off putts because he couldn't keep still.

"Hit my irons well all day, and on the green, it was just tough to take the putter back straight because the wind was gusting and it was tough to get the right speed," Woods said.

It looked as though he might not have to putt on the par-5 12th with a wedge that covered the flag. It hit the bottom of the pin and spun back some 25 feet. Woods dropped his club then flung it toward his bag. Johnson and Woodland, two of the biggest hitters, each reached a par 5 in two with the wind straight into them — Woodland on the 560-yard fourth, Johnson on the 557-yard 12th.

They also hit shots rarely seen at Bay Hill.

In a left-to-right wind on the par-5 sixth, Woodland lost it to the right. It bounced off a cart path, over the fence and wound up in the water on the par-3 "Charger" course at Bay



Spencer Levin makes a shot from the ninth tee during the first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla., Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

Hill, which is out of bounds. That led to a double bogey.

On the eighth, Johnson caught a flyer out of the rough and after a few bounces on the cart path, his ball finally settled 80 yards over the green and toward the front of the tee box on No. 9. Johnson was left with a blind shot over the trees and a TV tower, and it carried

all the way into the water, leading to a double bogey.

Fowler set the pace in the morning and reached 5 under, helped by an eagle on the 16th. He didn't finish as well as Levin, however, dropping shots on the eighth and ninth holes to end his round at 69. It was enough to lead until Levin warmed up. □

THE CINEMAS thecinemas.aw

Valid till Mar 30

SP = subtítulos en Español

*matinee: saturday - sunday | **late show: friday & saturday

AT RENAISSANCE

GOOISCHE VROUWEN
daily: 4.45 - 7.15 - 9.30
matinee: 11.45
late show: 11.45

NEW

PG-13

THE FIGHTER
daily: 4.30 - 7.00 - 9.30
matinee: 2.00
late show: 12.00

NEW

R

HALL PASS
daily: 5.00 - 7.15 - 9.30
matinee: 12.30 - 2.45
late show: 11.45

NEW

R

UNKNOWN
daily: 4.15 - 6.45 - 9.15
matinee: 1.45
late show: 11.45

PG

PAUL
daily: 4.30 - 6.45 - 9.00
matinee: 12.00 - 2.15
late show: 11.15

R

MARS NEEDS MOMS 3D
daily: 12.15 - 2.30
matinee: 12.15 - 2.30
late show: 12.00

PG-13

RANGO
daily: 5.00 - 7.15 - 9.45
matinee: 12.15 - 2.30
late show: 12.00

PG

AT PASEO HERENCIA

CEDAR RAPIDS
daily: 5.45 - 7.45 - 9.45
matinee: 1.45 - 3.45
late show: 11.45

NEW

R

RED RIDING HOOD
daily: 4.00 - 6.30 - 9.00
matinee: 11.30
late show: 11.30

NEW

SP PG-13

BEASTLY
daily: 4.45 - 6.00 - 9.15
matinee: 12.30 - 2.30
late show: 11.30

NEW

PG-13

THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU
daily: 4.45 - 7.00 - 9.15
matinee: 12.15 - 2.30
late show: 11.30

PG-13

PAUL
daily: 5.00 - 7.15 - 9.45
matinee: 12.30 - 2.45
late show: 12.00

R

MARS NEEDS MOMS 3D
daily: 12.00 - 2.00
matinee: 12.00 - 2.00
late show: 12.00

PG-13

RANGO
daily: 12.00 - 2.15
matinee: 12.00 - 2.15
late show: 12.00

PG

BATTLE LOS ANGELES
daily: 4.30 - 7.00 - 9.30
matinee: 12.00
late show: 12.00

SP PG-13

SP = subtítulos en Español

Matinee: sat - sun | Late show: fri & sat

Wozniacki wins opening match at Key Biscayne



Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, follows through on her return to Bethanie Mattek-Sands during the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer
KEY BISCAIYNE, Florida (AP) — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki won her opening match at the Sony Ericsson Open by beating Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-2, 7-5 on Thursday. Wozniacki, coming off her 14th career title last week at Indian Wells, erased eight of the 10 break points she faced. She hit only five winners but committed just 15 unforced errors to 49 for Mattek-Sands. "Bethanie is a tough player to play," Wozniacki said. "You never know what to expect from her, and she's going for her shots no matter where

she's standing on the court, and it's difficult to get the rhythm."

With Serena and Venus Williams missing the tournament because of injuries, Mattek-Sands was the highest-ranked American in the draw at No. 43.

The lone American woman left was Uzbekistan-born Varvara Lepchenko, who has lived in the United States since 2000 and became a citizen this year. The 82nd-ranked player has her second-round match on Friday.

Only seven Americans made the 96-player women's field, including two wild cards and two qualifiers — a reflection of the decline in U.S. tennis fortunes in recent years.

Seeded players were in action for the first time after having

byes in the opening round. Among those eliminated were No. 10 Shahar Peer, No. 13 Flavia Pennetta and No. 18 Nadia Petrova.

Peer was beaten by Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain 6-2, 6-2, and Pennetta lost to Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-0. Petrova retired while trailing Sabine Lisicki 4-6, 6-3, 3-1.

No. 4 Sam Stosur beat Zheng Jie of China 6-2, 6-1, and No. 6 Jelena Jankovic eliminated Monica Niculescu of Romania 6-3, 6-1. No. 11 Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2006 champion, swept Simona Halep of Romania 6-0, 6-4.

In men's play, Kei Nishikori of Japan advanced to a second-round match against top-ranked Rafael Nadal on Saturday by beating Jeremy Chardy of France 7-6 (5), 6-2. Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic will next play Roger Federer after beating Fabio Fognini of Italy 6-3, 7-6 (5). Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay will face 2010 champion Andy Roddick next after defeating Michael Berrer of Germany 6-4, 7-6 (2). □

EARLY BIRD Special

Three course dinner for **\$25.00**

Served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Insalate Mista or Homemade Minestrone

Linguini Fruitti Di Mare

or

Fresh Filet Grouper, with a side of pasta or vegetables

or

Chicken Parmigiana, with a side of pasta or vegetables

Caramel Flan or Ice cream
Coffee or Tea

Chef's Special

Spaghetti Al Formaggio Parmigiana \$21

An authentic Italian dish flamed with Whiskey at your table

Sole Mare Special \$42.50

Truly a seafood lover dish — Jumbo shrimp, the largest on the island, mussels, clams, calamari, and Caribbean lobster over a bed of spaghetti

Rib Eye Pizzaiola \$32

USDA certified Angus beef, sautéed with extra virgin olive oil, tomatoes, garlic, and gaeta black olives

Ravioli alla Vodka with Lobster and Shrimp \$45



Kids' Menu \$10

Rigatoni with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti with Meatballs, Fettuccini Alfredo, Meat Lasagna, Mozzarella Sticks, Cheese Ravioli and Chicken Fingers with French Fries

NO SERVICE CHARGE ADDED TO YOUR CHECK

Palm Beach 23. Tel/fax: 586-0077. Open every day from 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm
email: solemarearuba@hotmail.com

FAVI
"FAVI FUNDACION CU VISION"

WACKY WAHOOS

PALM BEACH #33-A WWW.WACKYWAHOOS.COM

STEAK, SEAFOOD, B.B.Q. & FUN!

Ex-Hadicurari BBQ & Grill with the same owner's. We do our own daily fishing so we serve the freshest seafood on the Island.

Very reasonable price, exciting menu and NO SERVICE CHARGE
Dinner from 5:30 - 10:00
Monday - Saturday

FRESH CATCH & SEAFOOD

We are located close to the High-rise hotel's at walking distance.

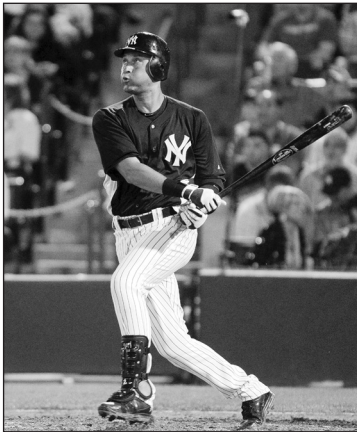
Call us for Catering Service and Private Party's etc.
RESERVATION SUGGESTED

TEL: 586-7333

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jeter's jersey is No. 1 seller in MLB

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter's No. 2 is No. 1 with fans. Major League Baseball and the players' union announced Wednesday the 20 best-selling jerseys from last season and the Yankees captain's top headed the list, followed by Minnesota's Joe Mauer and Philadelphia's Roy Halladay. The Phillies led all teams with four on the list. After Halladay, Chase Utley was fourth, Cliff Lee was fifth with his jerseys from Seattle and Texas included in the total, and Ryan Howard 18th. In all, 11 teams are represented in the top 20.



New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter follows through on a sixth-inning double at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Fla., Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Associated Press

The rest of the top 10: St. Louis' Albert Pujols, Texas' Josh Hamilton, Boston's Dustin Pedroia, the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez and San Francisco's Tim Lincecum. □

Lindsey Vonn tops Alpine World Cup money list

GENEVA — Lindsey Vonn tops Alpine skiing's World Cup prize money list despite losing the women's overall title to Maria Riesch.

The International Ski Federation says the American skier won \$510,000. She won eight races.

Germany's Riesch gets \$505,000 after winning six races. She led the standings by three points through consistent results in all disciplines. Ivica Kostelic of Croatia topped the men's overall standings and prize list with \$465,000. He won seven events.

Swiss downhill champion Didier Cuche and Austrian slalom specialist Marlies Schild also earned over \$276,000. □



Germany's Maria Riesch, left, hugs Lindsey Vonn, of the United States, after winning the alpine ski, women's World Cup overall title, at the World Cup finals in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Associated Press

Pistorius runs Olympic-qualifying time at SA meet

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius has boosted his hopes of competing at the 2012 London Olympics after clocking a personal best of 45.61 seconds over 400 meters.

The time is inside the "B" qualifying standard for the 2012 Games and this year's world championships.

Pistorius said Thursday he was "delighted" after setting the time at South Africa's Provincial Championships in Pretoria on Wednesday, adding it had taken him "a step closer" to the Olympics.

The South African said his main goal for 2011 was to qualify for the world championships in Daegu, South Korea, before focusing on running at the Olympics and Paralympics next year. The 24-year-old Pistorius said of the 2012 Olympics: "I need to put my head down and push for it." □



THE FIRST THEATER WITH CHILDREN PRICES IN ARUBA
586-0074
CARIBBEANCINEMAS.COM/ARUBA

ENJOY YOUR MOVIE WITH

Visit our Deli and Enjoy
Sandwiches - Sushi - Wine - Beer - Desserts - Coffee

MARCH 24 - 30



NEW THIS WEEK!

Amanda Seyfried Gary Oldman

RED RIDING HOOD

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

Mon - Thurs 4:40 / 7:00 / 9:20
Fri 4:40 / 7:00 / 9:20 / 11:45
Sat 2:20 / 4:40 / 7:00 / 9:20 / 11:45
Sun & Hol 2:20 / 4:40 / 7:00 / 9:20

PG-13



NEW THIS WEEK!

Alex Pettyfer Vanessa Hudgens

BEASTLY

Mon - Thurs 5:35 / 7:35 / 9:35
Fri 5:35 / 7:35 / 9:35 / 11:35
Sat 1:35 / 3:35 / 5:35 / 7:35 / 9:35 / 11:35
Sun & Hol 1:35 / 3:35 / 5:35 / 7:35 / 9:35

PG-13



NEW THIS WEEK!

Ed Helms John C. Reilly



Mon - Thurs 5:20 / 7:15 / 9:10
Fri 5:20 / 7:15 / 9:10 / 11:10
Sat 1:30 / 3:25 / 5:20 / 7:15 / 9:10 / 11:10
Sun & Hol 1:30 / 3:25 / 5:20 / 7:15 / 9:10

R

Michelle Rodriguez Aaron Eckhart

BATTLE : LA

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

Mon - Thurs 4:15 / 6:45 / 9:15
Fri 4:15 / 6:45 / 9:15 / 11:45
Sat 1:45 / 4:15 / 6:45 / 9:15 / 11:45
Sun & Hol 1:45 / 4:15 / 6:45 / 9:15

PG-13

Simon Pegg Nick Frost Seth Rogen

PAUL

Mon - Thurs 4:25 / 6:55 / 9:25
Fri 4:25 / 6:55 / 9:25 / 11:55
Sat 2:00 / 4:25 / 6:55 / 9:25 / 11:55
Sun & Hol 2:00 / 4:25 / 6:55 / 9:25

R

Johnny Depp Isla Fisher



WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

Mon - Thurs 5:15 / 7:15 / 9:15
Fri 5:15 / 7:15 / 9:15 / 11:15
Sat 1:15 / 3:15 / 5:15 / 7:15 / 9:15 / 11:15
Sun & Hol 1:15 / 3:15 / 5:15 / 7:15 / 9:15

PG

Liam Neeson Diane Kruger

UNKNOWN

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

Mon - Thurs 9:15
Fri - Sat 9:15 / 11:35
Sun & Hol 9:15

PG-13

Seth Green Joan Cusack



DISNEY DIGITAL 3D™

Mon - Fri 5:20 / 7:20
Sat, Sun & Hol 1:30 / 3:25 / 5:20 / 7:20

PG

Martin Lawrence Brandon T. Jackson



WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

Mon - Thurs 5:20 / 7:25 / 9:30
Fri 5:20 / 7:25 / 9:30 / 11:40
Sat 1:20 / 3:20 / 5:20 / 7:25 / 9:30 / 11:40
Sun & Hol 1:20 / 3:20 / 5:20 / 7:25 / 9:30

PG-13

STARTING NEXT WEEK MARCH 31 - SOURCE CODE

Michelle Obama says

Obesity fight begins at home



US First Lady Michelle Obama with students

WASHINGTON – US First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign against childhood obesity took a personal turn

Tourette Syndrome children have better motor control



Tourette Syndrome child

WASHINGTON - Children with Tourette syndrome perform behavioral tests of cognitive motor control more quickly and accurately than those without the disorder, a new study found.

Tourette syndrome is characterized by repeated involuntary sounds and physical movements called tics, which may involve blinking, grimacing, shrugging, twisting, grunting or in rare adult cases blurting out swear words. The enhanced cognitive motor control in people with Tourette syndrome arises from structural and functional changes in the brain that likely result from the need to constantly suppress tics, according to the authors of the study, which was published online March 24 in the journal Current Biology.

"The motor outputs of children with Tourette syndrome are under greater cognitive

control. You might view this as their being less likely to respond without thinking, or as being less reflexive," Stephen Jackson, of the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom, said in a journal news release. □

when she said she is paying more attention to a key body fat measurement for her own daughters.

Obama said she was surprised to learn that her daughters' body mass index, or BMI, numbers were "creeping upwards," she wrote on yahoo.com's website.

"I didn't really know what BMI was," she said.

"I certainly didn't know that even a small increase in BMI can have serious consequences for a child's health," she added, recommending that all parents inform themselves about the vital weight statistic.

President Barack Obama and the first lady are the parents of two girls, Malia, 12, and Sasha, 9.

The BMI takes height and weight into consideration when calculating body fat, and is considered by doctors and fitness experts to be a more reliable indicator of obesity than weight alone.

Michelle Obama has targeted childhood obesity as her signature cause, at a time when one in three American children is obese or overweight due to a lack of exercise and a diet loaded with fat and sugar. Overweight children are believed to be more likely than their normal-weight peers to grow up to be obese adults at greater risk of high blood pressure, high cholesterol and type 2 diabetes. □

China renews push to ban smoking on May 1



Chinese man smoking

By GILLIAN WONG
Associated Press

BEIJING – Chinese health authorities are renewing a push to ban smoking in indoor public places, adding more venues like hotels and restaurants as of May 1, though still excluding many workplaces. The guidelines given on the Health Ministry's website are the latest effort to curb tobacco use in the country with the world's largest number of smokers and where experts say huge revenues from the state-owned tobacco monopoly hinders anti-smoking measures.

Smoking, which is linked to the deaths of at least 1 million people in China every year, is one of the greatest health threats the country faces, government statistics show. Nearly 30 percent of adults in China smoke, about 300 million people a number roughly equal to the entire U.S. population.

The guidelines released this week are part of the Health Ministry's regulations on health management in public places a set of rules that also covers areas including ventilation, use of disinfectants, air quality and pest control.

Dr. Yang Gonghuan, deputy director of the official Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention and a prominent anti-smoking advocate, said the new rules were a significant step forward but more needed to be done.

"A higher level of legislation is needed to make this ban more effective," such as dedicated anti-smoking laws at the national or city levels, Yang said. Dr. Sarah England, head of the World Health Organization's Tobacco Free Initiative in China, says the new rules cover a broader array of venues than previous guidelines issued in 1991, but that the definition of "public places" □



Moving Sale Antiqueshop Rococo Plaza

20-50% Discount (Furniture, copper items, decorations, paintings etc)

www.antiquesaruba.com Tanki Leendert road 4-A Open 9-1**4-5.30

We are the wholesaler in Bubble Plastic. Sale Rococo Inner Court

German Men-shoes Leather size 6-9-10-11-12 Afl. 25.—Hairtreatment, pomade, Hairpaint afl.5,-- Childrenbooks half price, Insence+Candles+Lucky water afl. 1.--



Tel: 582-0697 / 583-7484
Schotland str. 70

Extend your Stay at
Quality Apartments

*Studio & Loft Apts. *Fully Furnished
*Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV *Swimming Pool
Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach & 4 large supermarkets.
Feel free to contact or visit us.
Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm.



BENLO CIGARS

Import & Export • We ship all over the world • Tel.: 5863555
Located in the Arowak Garden, next to Salt & Pepper,
Paparazzi and Tango Restaurant.

We are specialized in premium Cuban Cigars.
Opening hours: Mon. - Sat. 8:30am - 11:00pm
Sunday 9:00am - 11:00pm

Depending on purchase, we have discounts starting from 5% up to 20%.
With purchase of \$20 or more 1 FREE CIGAR

Bring this coupon for your free Cuban Cigar!

Swiss watchmakers competing for young, old, rich

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

BASEL, Switzerland (AP)

— Even the world's biggest trade fair for watches can't seem to avoid subtly encouraging the use of an alternative timekeeping device heavily favored by younger — and often bare-wristed — consumers: the smartphone.

Baselworld is offering a new app to help people navigate a labyrinth of luxury watches, jewelry and other items shown by 1,892 exhibitors from 45 nations in 1.7 million square feet of convention space.

The app highlights what everyone, particularly texting teenagers and Web-savvy 20-somethings, knows: The time is everywhere: on radios, ovens, microwaves, banks, train stations, street corners, and especially on phones. All of which makes it harder to make the case for the traditional wristwatch.

“Now the tendency, the trend to go to these kind of devices is very high,” conceded Michele Orfeo, head of marketing for Swiss watchmaker Balmain, part of the Swatch Group, which targets women who would pay \$200 to \$2,000 for a watch.

So to compete for young people, as with any potential segment of watch-wearers, a watch maker must have a price, a style, even a mood in mind.

“We all have a certain segment and price range, and an image,” Orfeo said. “What we sell is not just a watch, but kind of an elegance. They're all having a certain territory of emotion. Everyone can find something where they feel good and at ease, when they're wearing these.”

Many of the watches displayed in Basel are aimed at serious money.

Hublot of Geneva is offering a \$3 million diamond watch that truly is one of a kind — just one made. The company says it took 13,000 hours to fashion the diamonds, all taken from a Russian mine in Yakutsk, into a 141-carat tourbillon with 637 baguette diamonds and one rose-cut diamond on the crown.

Dealers among the expected 100,000 visitors who come to Baselworld can order upscale models like the \$35,900 Omega Ladymatic or the \$23,000 Breguet Type XXII 10 Hertz chronograph.

More broadly, Swiss watchmakers say, they are seeing particularly fast growth in the \$200-\$500 and \$3,000-plus price ranges. And business is good, they say, despite the uprisings in the Arab world and the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, one of the world's biggest buyers of luxury high-tech goods.

The mood is upbeat yet somber.

“We have experienced the months gone by as an alternation of major, unforeseeable upheavals and shocks,” said Jacques J. Duchene, who chairs a committee representing Baselworld's 627 watchmakers, 736 jewelry traders and 529 other exhibitors.

“Despite that, the watch and jewelry industry can look back on a truly remarkable year, and the indicators continue to remain excellent,” he said.

What's hot this year, said Tissot CEO Francois Thiebaud, are classic designs of the 1950s and 1960s, Art Deco from the 1920s and 1930s, smaller, rounder models, steel and gold, and dials stripped to essentials but still finely worked.

Inside the convention center, the Hall of Dreams, Hall of Desires and other similarly named halls brimmed with multistory displays for the likes of Breguet, Breitling, Chopard, Omega, Patek Philippe and Rolex.

But there's a difference between luxury and quality, said Dr. Helmut Crott of Luxembourg, a German orthopedic surgeon-turned-watch consultant, who invested in and now helps manage the tiny Swiss watchmaker Urban Jurgensen & Soenner.

Crott said there's “some kind of mythic thing” about well-made watches but smartphones play to a different crowd. He also said tough times might be affecting high-end watch buyers in ways

harder to see.

“It's more than an accessory. It's between an object of art, of value, of giving from one generation to the other,” he said. “I think with the (financial) crisis, people are more discreet again. They don't want to show so much what they have.”

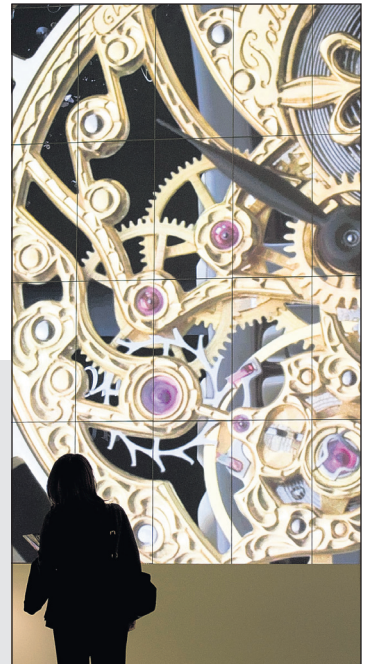
His company aims to sell only a few hundred of their classic handmade watches a year, ranging from 25,000 to 600,000 Swiss francs (\$27,500 to \$660,000), he said, but that's just fine by him. The mechanical watches are meant to last for decades,

sometimes more than a century, even if they can't compete with the precision of atomic clocks.

“The watch was a symbol for the universe,” he said. “There's something magical or mystical in it. I mean, I'm fascinated by it.” □

A woman passes advertisement for watches at the world watch and jewelry show ‘Baselworld’ the day before the opening in Basel, Switzerland, Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Associated Press



Google in translation pact for European patents

CAMILLE RUSTICI

Associated Press

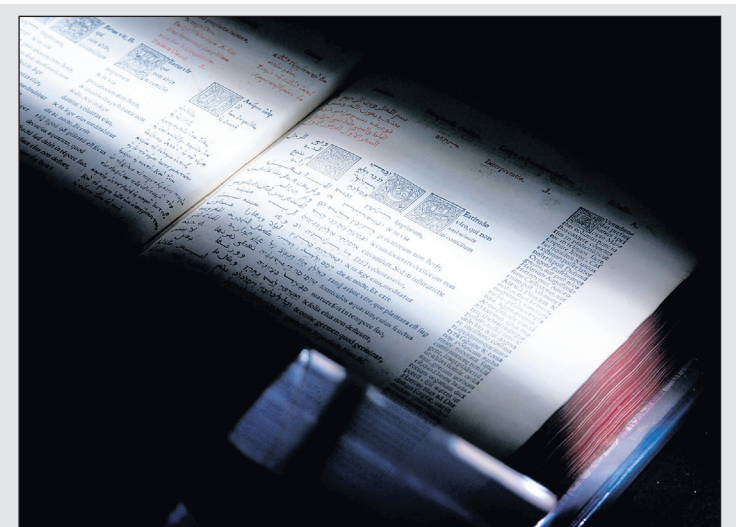
PARIS (AP) — Google said Thursday it has reached an agreement with European patent authorities to use its on-line technology to translate some 50 million patents.

Google Inc. and the Munich-based European Patent Office will cooperate to use Google Translate technology to translate patents into 28 European languages as well as into Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian.

The deal will enable researchers and the curious to search for patents in the EPO's three official languages — English, French and German — and translate them on the fly on the EPO's website. The translations are to serve informational and research purposes only, and will not replace legal requirements for patents to be translated by professional translators.

The project is expected to be completed in 2014.

“Machine translation helps to overcome language barriers and make information contained in patents globally accessible and available,” said EPO President Benoit Battistelli. “The new translation tool is a further stepping stone to improving innovation in



In this March 21, 2008 file photo, a scanner passes over a book at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., where one of hundreds of librarians from all over the world was helping Google Inc.'s Book Search create digital versions of world's 130 million books. This week's ruling from U.S. Circuit Judge Denny Chin did more than complicate Google's efforts to make the digital copies and possibly sell them through an on-line book store that it opened last year. It also touched upon antitrust, copyright and privacy issues that are threatening to handcuff Google as it tries to build upon its dominance in Internet search to muscle into new markets.

Associated Press

Europe, and enabling European businesses to play level with their competitors in other regions,” he said.

The Google-EPO deal is also a chance to simplify the European patent system and “facilitate the development of the unitary patent,” Battistelli said. Years of infighting between the 38 EPO member countries prevented an agreement on the official language of the unitary patent.

The new deal could bring up that issue back on the agenda. Mountain View, California-based Google will gain access to all the translated patents — more than 1.5 million documents and 50,000 new patents each year — which will help improve its machine translation technology. Moreover, it will also deal with the growing amount of technology-related information in Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Russian. □

RIM shares down on BlackBerry revenue miss

PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Research in Motion Ltd.'s stock took a hit Thursday after the maker of the BlackBerry reported revenue from its recently concluded quarter that fell short of expectations and warned that sales in the current three-month period are shifting to cheaper models. RIM's shares were down \$6.81, or almost 11 percent, at \$57.31 in extended trading after the Waterloo, Ontario, company reported results from the three months that ended Feb. 26. It posted net income of \$934 million, or \$1.78 per share, for its fiscal fourth quarter.



In this March 22, 2011 photo, a customer looks at a Research In Motion BlackBerry Curve 3G using a Verizon carrier, in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

That was up 31 percent from \$710 million, or \$1.27 per share, a year earlier. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.75 per share, on average. Revenue rose 36 percent to \$5.6 billion, shy of the \$5.65 billion expected by analysts. For the current quarter that ends in May, RIM said it expects earnings of \$1.47 to \$1.55 per share, below the average analyst forecast at \$1.65. □



In this March 22, 2011 photo, the exterior of Oracle headquarters is shown in Redwood City, Calif.

Associated Press

Oracle fiscal 3Q net income up 78 pct

REDWOOD SHORES, California (AP) — Database software maker Oracle Corp. said Thursday its net income rose 78 percent in the fiscal third quarter, helped by a rise in new software license sales and the benefit of three full months of revenue from Sun Microsystems, a company it acquired last year. Net income for the quarter that ended on Feb. 28 increased to \$2.1 billion, or 41 cents per share, from \$1.2 billion, or 23 cents per share a year earlier. Excluding certain items, Oracle earned 54 cents per share, more than Wall Street was expecting. Analysts surveyed by FactSet forecast earnings of 50 cents per share. Revenue jumped 37 percent to \$8.8 billion from \$6.4 billion, more than the \$8.7 billion analysts predicted. The company said revenue increased more than 30 percent in every region worldwide. Oracle, which makes the database software that underpins everyday transactions, from bank withdrawals to airline reservations, said new software license sales, a key figure for measuring Oracle's growth, increased almost 30 percent to \$2.2 billion, above its own forecast for a 10 percent to 20 percent improvement. □



With lessons learned, Chevron back to gulf drilling

By TOM FOWLER

© 2011 Hearst Newspapers

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement on Thursday issued a permit to Chevron Corp. that lets the oil giant return to a well it started drilling in 6,750 feet of water 216 miles off the Louisiana coast last year. Chevron was about 80 percent of the way to its goal depth of 29,000 feet when the government banned deep-water drilling in June because of last year's Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the nation's worst. Chevron says it is applying lessons learned from the Deepwater Horizon accident to make sure the drilling project that regulators approved will be the safest well possible. Unlike the four other deep-water projects that regulators have approved since the spill, Chevron's Moccasin well is the first to tap a new reservoir from which oil or gas has not been produced, meaning there are potentially greater risks. The approval came a day after investigators reported

ed that the blowout preventer that should have averted last year's disaster failed to fully sever and seal a drill pipe that had been rocked out of place by a surge of pressure in BP's Macondo well underneath the Deepwater Horizon rig.

The blowout preventer for Chevron's project, made by GE-owned Hydril Pressure Control, has two pairs of shear rams to cut the pipe in an emergency, while the one on the Macondo just had one pair, said Gary Luquette, President of Chevron's North American exploration and production business.

"There's even discussion of recommending to regulators a third blind shear ram in the future," Luquette said. Transocean Ltd.'s drill ship Discoverer Inspiration will drill the well.

Chevron changed its well design from last year and will now use casing designed to handle the pressure of the capping procedure that finally stopped the



Feds approve Chevron drilling permit for Gulf of Mexico; 1st for a new oil field since spill.

Macondo spill. Earlier attempts to plug the well were hampered by concerns about the well casing's integrity.

The extra efforts reflect the intense scrutiny industry faces as

it slowly returns to the deep water. The scrutiny intensified this week when the ocean energy bureau released its investigation of the blowout preventer used at the Macondo well, which

concluded the blind shear rams were unable to successfully cut through drill pipe and seal oil and gas underground because that pipe had buckled and shifted off center. □

Oil settles lower, below \$106 per barrel

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After government reports gave a mixed read on the U.S. economic recovery, oil prices on Thursday settled close to where they began.

The Commerce Department said companies trimmed orders for manufactured goods in February, suggesting that businesses were limiting spending. Meanwhile the Labor Department said fewer Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, indicating that employers could be expanding their work forces.

Benchmark crude prices fluctuated as traders digested the news, rising as high as \$106.69 a barrel before dropping back. The contract for May delivery fell 15 cents to settle at \$105.60 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices have jumped 24 percent since the middle of February, when rebellion broke

out in Libya and eventually squeezed off production that supplied nearly 2 percent of the world's oil.

As fighting continued in Libya, companies like Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Austria-based OMV, were removing workers in Yemen, where anti-government protests have been intensifying. Yemen produces only 0.3 percent of the world's oil, according to the International Energy Administration, but it is located on one of the world's most strategic shipping lanes. About 3.2 million barrels of oil per day — more than twice what Libya produced — pass through a strait near Yemen that connects the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden. The Energy Information Administration has said that disruptions in that shipping lane would force oil tankers to take a costly detour around the southern tip of Africa to reach western markets. The U.S. embassy in Sana'a, the capital of Yemen, is warning U.S. citizens to stay away

from the presidential palace and other places where large crowds may gather. "Public demonstrations, which in the past have led to violence, confrontation, and casualties, have grown particularly dangerous during the Yemeni weekend," the embassy said in a statement on its website.

The world is still flush with surplus oil, yet traders say the fighting in North Africa and the Middle East, combined with the Japanese nuclear crisis, could make it difficult for oil producers to keep up with rising demand. PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn estimates that world oil demand will rise by 1 to 2 million barrels per day as Japan replaces power lost from its damaged nuclear reactors, and other countries like Germany take aging nuclear facilities offline.

Still, after a swift rise, oil traders are bracing for a downturn in energy markets and have been watching how the U.S. economy handles higher energy prices. Analysts are con-

Durable goods orders fall 0.9 percent in February

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. companies trimmed their orders for long-lasting manufactured goods in February, buying fewer computers, machines and primary metals. Durable-goods orders fell 0.9 percent last month, the Commerce Department said Thursday. It was the fourth decline in the past five months.

Orders in a category that signals business investment plans dropped 1.3 percent.

That followed a 6 percent decline in January, the biggest drop in two years. Economists said harsh weather may have kept some businesses from placing orders. "This is disappointing," said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics. "We had expected a hefty rebound after the blizzards depressed core orders in January." Even with the February decline, durable



In this March 17, 2011 photo, line workers assemble a 2012 Ford Focus at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich. Companies trimmed their orders for long-lasting manufactured goods in February with a key category that signals business investment falling for a second month.

Associated Press

goods orders are 24.6 percent above the recession low hit in March 2009. Manufacturing has been a source of strength in this recovery. Economists expect that to continue because tax cuts will encourage businesses to spend more on capital goods and equipment this year. There is some con-

cern that the earthquake and nuclear crisis in Japan might disrupt factory output in the United States because Japan ships parts to U.S. manufacturers. U.S. auto and electronics companies are seen as the most vulnerable to potential shortages of critical component parts. □

Walgreen to spend about \$429M for online retailer drugstore.com

DEERFIELD, Illinois (AP) — Drugstore operator Wal-

green Co. said Thursday it will spend about \$429 million to buy online retailer drugstore.com in a deal that gives it access to 3 million online customers. The largest U.S. drugstore operator will give drugstore.com shareholders \$3.80 in cash for each share of stock in a deal it expects to close by the end of June. The price Walgreen pays will total about \$409 million, as it picks up drugstore.com's \$20 million in cash. The acquisition will add about 60,000 products to Walgreen's online offerings, and the Deerfield, Illinois, company said it will significantly speed up its online strategy. Drugstore.com's presence in health, personal care, beauty and vision "will compliment and extend many of our own multi-channel initiatives that have been driving growth in our business," Walgreen said. Drugstore.com's

websites include Beauty.com, SkinStore.com and VisionDirect.com. The per-share deal price is more than double the \$1.79 closing price of drugstore.com's stock on Wednesday. In premarket trading Thursday, the stock jumped to \$3.78. Walgreen will fund the deal with existing cash. Drugstore.com shareholders still must approve the acquisition, but the Bellevue, Washington, company's board has already unanimously approved it. Walgreen said the deal will dilute fourth-quarter earnings per share for fiscal 2011 by about 3 cents due to one-time costs. Walgreen said Tuesday its fiscal second-quarter earnings climbed 10 percent. The drugstore operator earned \$739 million, or 80 cents per share, in the quarter that ended Feb. 28. Revenue climbed 9 percent to \$18.5 billion. □



Traders exchange oil options, Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil prices rose above \$106 a barrel Thursday as a wave of violent protests and uprisings rocked the oil-rich Arab world and U.S. gasoline inventories fell sharply. Associated Press

cerned that rising fuel prices could impact business and consumer spending, which would slow the economic recovery. They are also gauging

how European financial problems — Irish bank bailouts and the collapse of Portugal's government — will affect global energy demand. □

Controversial

Rapper promotes new alcohol drink

NEW YORK – Rapper Snoop Dogg is promoting a new, fruit-flavored alcoholic drink that has triggered calls for its ban even before it goes on sale next month.

The drink, called Blast by Colt 45, is manufactured by Pabst Brewing Company and scheduled for release on April 5. A promotional video features Snoop Dogg posing with scantily clad young women at a photo shoot. The drink, in 23.5- or seven-ounce containers, has a 12 percent alcohol content and comes in grape, raspberry watermelon, strawberry lemonade and blueberry pomegranate flavors. Critics say it is a hazard for young people because it can be confused with soft drinks. “You look at this product, and you think it’s a fruit drink,” said John Challis, senior vice president of Daytop Treatment Services, aimed at rehabilitating substance abusers. “They are creating a demand, and then offering the supply.” New York City Councilman Robert Jackson recently



Snoop Dogg

called for Blast to be banned in New York. “Blast, along with similar drinks, is specifically targeted to younger people,” said Jackson’s aide, Martin Collins.

“In the short term, a drink like this masks and shrouds the effects of alcohol.

That’s dangerous for our young people.”

In a statement, Jon Sayer, chief marketing officer of Pabst, said: “Blast is only meant to be consumed by those above legal drinking age and does not contain caffeine.” □

With Ricky Gervais

Johnny Depp to appear on sitcom

By Mimi Turner
Associated Press

LONDON – He was the butt of some controversial sparring at the Golden Globes for his role in “The Tourist,” but Johnny Depp doesn’t seem to have taken Ricky Gervais’s high-profile ribbing to heart.

The star of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” franchises is confirmed to appear in Gervais’s upcoming BBC2 sitcom “Life’s Too Short,” according to a post on Gervais’s blog.

Depp will guest star in the comedy, which is expected to have a host of big name cameo spots, though Gervais used his “This Side of The Truth” blog to dismiss rumors that Jerry Seinfeld would also make a guest appearance. “The Depp bit is true. The Seinfeld isn’t,”



Johnny Depp

he wrote. “Life’s Too Short,” which is being co-written by Gervais’ longtime creative partner Stephen Merchant, will air on HBO as well as BBC2. It features the continuing adventures of diminutive star Warwick Davis who plays

an egomaniac dwarf who runs a talent agency for other dwarves. Meanwhile Gervais used his blog to confirm that he and Will Arnett will guest star in the hour-long final episode of “The Office,” scheduled to air May 19 on NBC. □

For Giamatti film

The National ‘Win Win’ with song

By MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

NEW YORK – The members of The National loved the movie “Win Win.” In fact, the rockers loved it so much that when director Tom



Matt Berninger

McCarthy asked them to write music for it, they were a little worried their song might not live up to expectations.

“There’s that movie afterglow after you see a great movie, which we all had when ‘Win Win’ was over,” said lead singer Matt Berninger in a recent interview. (But) when you have someone who’s working on a film, what a huge creative mountain that is to climb. To finish a feature film and then you just have this song that’s going to end their film. We were really, really nervous if it was going to work or not,” he said.

“Win Win” stars Paul Giamatti as Mike Flaherty, an attorney whose main clients are elderly

folks living in his small New Jersey town. Things change quickly for Flaherty when his law firm isn’t doing well and he decides to take guardianship of an aged client to earn extra cash. He also takes in the client’s teenage grandson, a skilled wrestler, and an advantage for Flaherty, who is also a high school wrestling coach. “Tom was able to paint an unbelievably realistic and honest portrait of normal people showing their heroic sides and failures,” Berninger said. Berninger said the band felt a buzz after seeing the movie.

The band’s goal was to write a song “that would sort of keep that buzz going or something.” They came up with “Think You Can Wait,” a mellow, yet intense piano groove highlighted by Berninger’s baritone. It was written by Berninger and guitarist Aaron Dessner. Aaron’s brother Bryce, and another set of brothers, Scott and Bryan Devendorf, round out the band. “We knew where people would experience the song sitting in a theater. We knew exactly how that was going to work (and) we thought of that a little. □

A different ‘Mildred Pierce’ from the film we know

By FRAZIER MOORE
Associated Press

NEW YORK – A remarkable thing about the HBO miniseries “Mildred Pierce”: The way it breathes.

This five-part, five and a half hour adaptation of the 1941 James M. Cain novel is an unhurried period piece that sets the viewer down in Depression-era Glendale, Calif., and into the complicated world of its heroine.

But even as it inhabits a long-ago time and place, it also seems to dovetail with the current day. Leafy Glendale of 1931 isn’t exactly the Dust Bowl, but it, like the rest of the country, has been slammed by economic crisis that, for the viewer, may strike a familiar chord. Meanwhile, Mildred’s plight is magnified: She is suddenly a divorcee, forced to find work to support herself



Kate Winslet, left, and Guy Pearce

and her two young daughters. Ambitious and resourceful, Mildred will do that and then some: She builds a restaurant empire. But during a saga stretching nearly a decade, Mildred, despite her business successes, will face class stigma (her sleepy burg just doesn’t cut it with the likes of nearby Pasadena) and a stormy relationship with her precocious, social-climbing daughter, Veda. She will also confront her sexual self, exploring “aspects of herself she never knew existed,” in the

words of Todd Haynes, who directed the miniseries and co-wrote its script.

This “Mildred Pierce” has only a nodding acquaintance with the much-remembered 1945 film, a murder whodunit that brought its star, Joan Crawford, a best actress Oscar. Haynes (whose previous films include “Far From Heaven” and “I’m Not There”) calls his version “an intensely faithful adaptation of the novel.” Indeed, it feels like a gracefully direct translation into pictures and sound, complete with breathing room for the audience “to think and to draw connections yourself,” as he puts it.

Kate Winslet is a marvel as Mildred, who is on-screen nearly every scene as she goes through many changes and the pressures that propel them. □

Elvis Presley's 1961 benefit concert remembered

By JAYMES SONG
Associated Press

HONOLULU – Fifty years ago, Elvis Presley helped raise money and directed much-needed attention to the stalled efforts to build the USS Arizona Memorial. The King is now being remembered for his contributions as the historic sites at Pearl Harbor enter a new era.

Pacific Historic Parks, in partnership with Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc., will start selling T-shirts for \$24.95 to commemorate the iconic crooner's historic benefit concert at Pearl Harbor's Bloch Arena on March 25, 1961. Proceeds will support the educational programs at the USS Arizona Memorial and the new \$56 million Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

The black T-shirt features an image of the original concert billboard with Presley standing in his gold lame suit and a hangtag replica of the concert ticket. The shirts will be available at the visitor center's bookstore or through the end



Elvis Presley

of the year.

"For us, recognizing this benefit concert is a way of making the public aware of the cultural history of the memorial," said Daniel Martinez, Pearl Harbor historian for the National Park Service's World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. Congress in the late 1950s authorized the construction of the memorial to honor the crewmembers entombed when the USS Arizona was sunk during an aerial attack by the Japanese that plunged the United States into World War II. The Pa-

cific War Memorial Commission was tasked with raising \$500,000 to build the USS Arizona Memorial.

Ralph Edwards, host of the hit TV series, "This is Your Life," kicked off the public fundraising efforts on his Dec. 3, 1958 show when he featured Arizona crewmember and Medal of Honor recipient Samuel Fuqua. More than \$95,000 was raised. But contributions and attention dwindled over the next couple years, with less than half of the \$500,000 raised. Presley's manager, Colonel Tom Parker, read about the stalled efforts in the Los Angeles Examiner.

Presley, who was already scheduled to be in the islands to film "Blue Hawaii," agreed to help by performing a benefit concert. □

At the "Sucker Punch" premiere

The show must go on

Jenny Peters
Associated Press

Los Angeles – Despite torrential rain outside of Grauman's Chinese Theater on Wednesday, March 23, the "Sucker Punch" world premiere went on, albeit under a huge plastic tent. That made it tough for the usual film fans who always gather across Hollywood Boulevard when premieres happen, hoping to catch a glimpse of their favorite actors and actresses. But even in the deluge, a few stalwarts were standing in the downpour, calling out to their favorites in vain. For the film's cadre of stars, the five fresh beauties including Emily Browning, Vanessa Hudgens, Jena Malone, Abbie Cornish and Jamie Chung, rushed from their limos di-



Vanessa Hudgens

rectly to the red carpet, in order to keep their ball gowns dry. They joined director Zack Snyder and his wife Deborah, who produced the film. "It's a family business," the director told reporters earlier at a press conference, where his pack of pretties agreed that the process of making "Sucker Punch" turned them into a sisterhood. □



This house is situated in supurb neighbourhood of Noord in a project with gated community with security cameras. at US \$385.000



Kenneth Nahar
Tel: 566-3902

[Http://www.arubaabcrealestate.com](http://www.arubaabcrealestate.com)



HYATT REGENCY BLACK JACK TOURNAMENT

Join us **Saturday March 26, 2011** as you tempt Lady luck at our Black Jack Tournament starting at 6:00 PM.

Many different cash prizes guaranteed

- 1st Winner \$1200
- 2nd Winner \$600
- 3rd Winner \$300
- 4th – 7th Winners \$100

\$20⁰⁰

SIGN UP FEE
\$10 RE-BUY FEE

Sign up for your Players Advantage Club Card and receive \$10 Free Play. For more information about the Blackjack Tournament, please contact our Players Advantage Club at 586-1234 ext. 4583.



Visit hyattregencyaruba.com. Hyatt. You're More Than Welcome.

\$10 Free Play, valid on date of enrollment only, please present valid photo ID (Driver license or Passport). Hyatt reserves the right to alter or withdraw this program at any time without notice. HYATT, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts® and Hyatt Regency® Aruba, designs and related marks are trademarks of Hyatt Hotels Corporation. ©2011 Hyatt Corporation. All rights reserved

**FOR SALE
OR FOR RENT**

KAMAY 31

Spacious 3 bedroom/
3 baths, full air
conditioned 2nd floor
office and activities
room, swimming pool,
2 car- carport.
furnished.

Rent: US\$ 2000 per month
Sale: Awg. 500.000,- or
US\$ 286.000

CALL: 586-2255 / 733-6012

FOR SALE

OPAL 44

Upscale neighborhood.
3 bedroom/ 2 and ½ baths,
front and back patios,
large swimming pool
with Jacuzzi, full air-co,
full furnished. Covered
car port, garden.

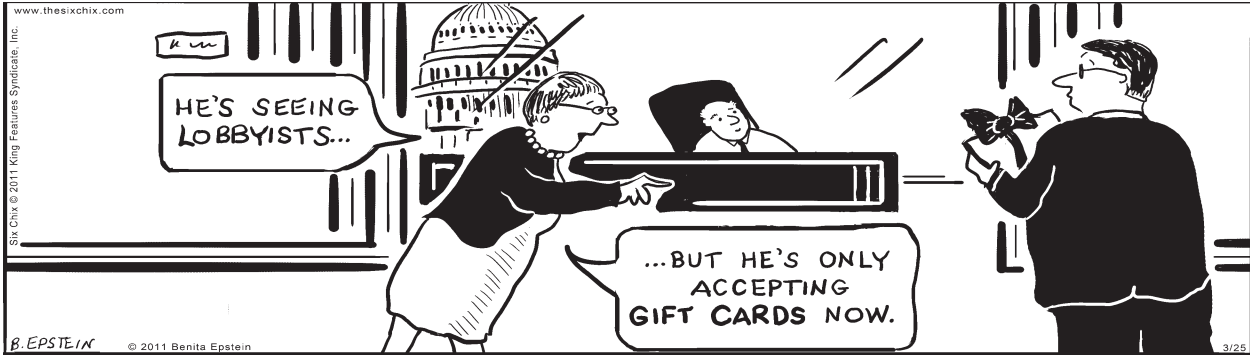
Sale: US\$ 337,000
Will consider reasonable
offer. Serious offer only.

CALL: 586-2255 / 711-6012

Mutts



6 Chix



Blondie



Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

4		8				5		9
				2				
2			3		8			6
		7				3		
	8						9	
		2				4		
6			1		9			5
				6				
1		5				2		7

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

3/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

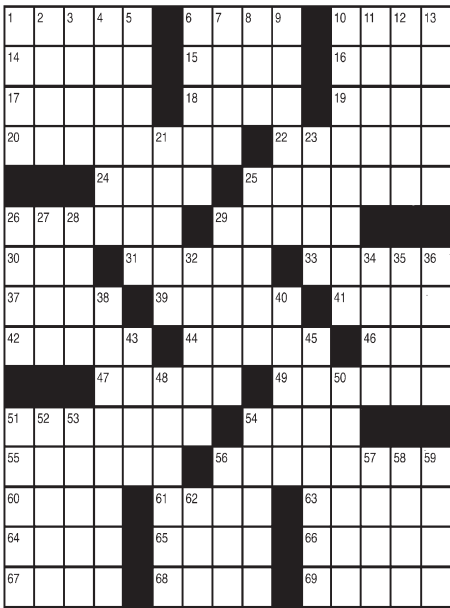
8	9	7	1	6	4	2	3	5
5	2	6	3	8	7	4	9	1
4	3	1	2	9	5	8	7	6
7	6	5	8	3	9	1	2	4
2	4	8	7	1	6	9	5	3
3	1	9	5	4	2	7	6	8
9	5	4	6	7	8	3	1	2
1	8	2	9	5	3	6	4	7
6	7	3	4	2	1	5	8	9

ACROSS

- Use a razor
- Q-tip, for one
- "Beat it!"
- Arrives
- One of the Three Bears
- Leaf of a book
- Unlocks
- Level; smooth
- Destroy
- Inclination to do things a certain way
- Theater; famed New York music hall
- Individuals
- Giggle a little
- Force
- Bite to eat
- Everyone
- Fisher or Albert
- Shish __; meat on a skewer
- Walk haltingly
- Dinner course
- Threesome
- Suffers defeat
- Bus fare, often
- Commotion
- Subdues
- Panhandler
- Took for granted
- Fib teller
- Climbed
- Went back over one's steps
- Caesar's robe
- "Well, that went over like __ of bricks!"
- Dodge; avoid
- Tehran's nation
- Praise
- Twilled fabric
- Take a nap
- __ up; arranges
- Cornered

DOWN

- Edinburgh resident
- Actress Lange
- "So be it!"
- Seller
- In __; per se
- Eyeglasses, for short
- Like hair that is not straight
- Gorilla
- __ split; ice cream treat
- Toothed wheel
- Fill wall holes with putty
- Nimble; spy
- Singing voice
- Requires
- Choose
- Move secretly
- Summon
- Jumble
- Lawn trees
- Grain storage towers
- Went out with
- Boast
- Verdi opera
- Impolite person
- Ornery; argumentative
- Sum of money deducted



3/25/11

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

U	S	M	C	M	O	A	T	S	A	C	T	S
N	O	A	H	E	G	G	O	N	L	I	R	A
D	A	T	A	A	L	O	N	E	S	T	U	N
O	P	E	R	A	T	E	S	A	M	O	Y	E
				G	U	Y	B	I	K	E	R	
S	L	E	E	K	T	E	L	L	A	B	E	L
A	L	A	S	O	N	S	D	O	N	A	T	E
B	A	G	A	R	T	I	S	A	N	G	U	N
E	M	E	R	G	E	D	O	N	R	E	D	D
R	A	R	E	R	D	E	W	S	O	L	E	S
				C	E	D	E	S	H	I	S	
P	A	T	T	E	R	N	B	A	N	A	N	A
O	L	I	O	A	I	D	E	D	C	U	B	A
U	S	E	R	M	A	I	N	E	E	L	L	S
R	O	S	Y	S	L	E	D	S	A	L	E	S

(c) 2011 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

3/25/11

- Identical
- Closest
- Gold, silver and bronze awards
- More serious
- Up and about
- Twenty
- Long, heroic narratives
- Gives, but expects back
- Overwhelming defeat
- Concern
- On __; fidgety
- Owner's paper
- Edison's monogram

ARUBA DREAM VACATIONS, N.V.

TROPICANA ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

WKs 51, 52 1BR
Sale \$4,000, Rent \$800
WKs 1 thru 15 1BR
Sale \$3,500, Rent \$800
WKs 16 thru 50 1BR
Sale \$2,000, Rent \$650

ARUBA BEACH CLUB

Wk 50, 1BR
Sale \$3,500, Rent \$600

CASA DEL MAR

Wk 36, Ambassador
Sale \$4,500, Rent \$600

DIVI PHOENIX

Wk 8 Studio
Wk 9 1BR

LA QUINTA BEACH RESORT

WK 37, 1BR Sale
\$3,000, Rent \$600
WK 47, 1BR
Sale \$3,500, Rent \$600

PARADISE BEACH VILLAS

WK 1, \$12,995 2BR Pool
WK 2, \$12,995 2BR Pool
WK 4, \$12,995 2BR Pool
Wk 5 \$11,000 1BR Pool*
Wk 6 \$11,000 1BR Pool*
Wk 8 \$9,000 1BR Garden*
Wk 8 \$12,000 1BR Pool*
Wk 9 \$8,500 1BR Garden*
Wk 9 \$12,000 1BR Pool*
Wk 10, \$6,500 1BR Garden
Wk 10, \$9,000 1BR Pool*
Wk 14, \$13,000 2BR Pool*
Wk 24 \$1,860 Studio
Wk 19, 3,15 1BR Garden
Wk 20, \$4,200 1BR Pool
Wk 31 \$1,920 1BR
(Even Yr.)
Wk 32 \$7,200 2BR Pool
Wk 38 \$6,600 2BR Pool
Wk 42 \$4,500 1BR Pool
Wk 45 \$11,000 2 BR Pool*

OCCIDENTAL

WKs 2 -17, \$16,000
1BR OF Supreme Float

**MORE WEEKS AVAILABLE
FOR RENT OR SALE
Please call 748-9909**

**arubadreamvacations
@hotmail.com**

Services & Classifieds

**Affordable
and
Effective**

**US\$8.50 (AWG. 15.00) for 3 (three) days with a maximum of 30 words. We accept submissions until 5pm (Monday – Friday).
Email: classifieds@arubatoday.com Credit Cards Acceptable. We would be happy to email you our credit card form.**

for sale/rent

PARADISE BEACH VILLAS

2 br weeks 8 & 9, (pool side)
call Room 303 till March 5
stateside. 732-279-0071
\$12,000 p/w Negotiable
2 bedroom - 2 bath-
2 balconies

190543

for sale

FOR SALE

Marriott Surf Club

Platinum plus Presidents wk 7
(one of the most desirable
wks) 2 bedroom ocean view
villa sleeps 8
Marriott currently selling this
wk for \$67.000. My sale price
\$35.000

E-mail: amgacp@optonline.net
or call **516-458-8019**

190629

FOR SALE

Marriott Ocean Club /

Platinum

1 bedroom ocean front

\$23.000

2 bedroom ocean view

\$22.000

call 586-9000 Rm 6828 until

march 27 or e-mail:

jwkjuice@aol.com

190720

FOR SALE

Phoenix wk 3 stud. \$5900

La Cabana wk 7 1 Br.

Renovated unit 241 a fri \$6400
below mkt

Divi Vacation Club

Platinum floating wks from

10 to 50 pick your

wk 315 to 12/11

1 Br \$4100 or stud \$3700 low

m fees - all amenities

USA 508-651-0016

e-mail: rmwjmw@aol.com

190621

For rent

Office space of appr. 90m²,
airconditioned, small kitchen,
restroom, quiet area, that still
has parkingspace. Const.
Huygensstraat 19-D.
Call: 582-0337 (office)
\\Cell: 593-2296 e-mail:
jast@setarnet.aw

190725

FOR SALE

Nice home in Paradera, only 6
minutes to downtown and
beaches. 3 bedrooms, 2
bathrooms, livingroom, nice
kitchen. Facilities: Pool and
laundry area. Asking price:
\$258,000
call: 733-6681 /745-3510

E-mail:

mlandabusiness@hotmail.com

190728-A

for rent

FOR RENT

Do you want to stay more days
in Aruba? we have apts &
houses for rent by days, weeks
& months. Call: 733-6681 /
74153510. E-mail:

marita.landa@gmail.com

190728-B

Time Share Resales *always your best option*

Mariott Ocean Club

1Bedroom Platinum Ocean front \$17000
1Bedroom Platinum Ocean View \$12500
2Bedroom Platinum Ocean View \$22000
2 Bedroom Ocean Front \$27000

Marriott Surf Club

2Bedroom Platinum Garden View \$17500
2Bedroom Platinum Ocean View \$19000
2Bedroom Platinum Ocean Side \$21000
2 Bedroom Platinum Ocean Front \$30000
3 Bedroom Platinum Ocean View \$36000

La Cabana Beach And Raquet Club

1Bedroom week 9 Room 401D Ocean Front \$13000
2 Bedroom wk 9 Room 202E Ocean Front \$20000
1Br wk 12 Room 332C Pool Ocean View \$9500
Studio wk 12 room 426 B Pool Ocean View \$5500

Divi Phoenix Beach Resort

2Bedroom wk 9/10 Room 211 Pool /OV \$32000 Both weeks.
1Br wk 10 Room 1206 Ocean View \$11000
1Br wk 11 Room 805 Ocean View \$7000
1Br wk 12 Room 1101 Ocean View \$9000
2Br wk 13/14 Room 306 Pool Ocean View \$13000 each.

Divi Links

1Br wk 9/10 Room 4209/4210 Pool View \$12500 each.
1Br wk 9 Room 4226 Pool/View \$12500
Studio wk 9 Room 4225 Pool/View \$10000
1Br wk 12 Room 2115 Ground floor Pool View \$8000
1Br wk 11 room 2104 Pool/View \$9000

Occidental Resort

1Br Deluxe wk 2/17 Ocean View \$15000
2Br Supreme wk 2/17 Ocean Front \$30000
3Br wk 2/17 Ocean Front \$50000

Playa Linda Beach Resort

2Br wk 13 Room 632 Pool Ocean View \$23000
1Br wk 13 Room 344 Ocean View \$15000

Dutch Village

1Bedroom wk 10 room 28 Pool/View \$8000
Studio wk 11 Room 118 Pool/View \$4000
Studio wk 13 Room 119 Pool/View \$4000
Divi Village Studio wk 10 Room 3101 Pool/View \$8500
Studio Wk 11 Room 8202 Ocean View \$8500

Divi Village

Stu wk 10 Room 3101 Pool View \$8500
Stu wk 11 Room 8207 Ocean view \$8500

Amsterdam Manor

2Br wk 1/52 whole year room 213 \$550000

Renaissance Siutes

1Br 11 Room 2507 Pool /Ocean View \$10000
1Br wk 12 Room 2327 Pool/Ocean view \$9500
1Br wk 13 Room 2521 Pool/Ocean View \$9500
1Br wk 13 Room 2137 Pool/Ocean View \$9500

Tiera Del sol

House 2Bedroom 2Bath. Big Garge Big Patio Full Airco
Water Heather \$531000

**Many more weeks for sale
call: 731-2012 or 562-0712
Or e-mail me at
johnnypaesch@yahoo.com**

**FOR SALE: great deals & fabulous prices!
The sellers have agreed to HUGE reductions**



Luxurious Fixer Upper
**WALK to Beaches & Golf
course.** Large pool, stone
patio + bar, 2 apartments, 4
bdr, D.R, Huge L/R, huge
master suite w/ **Jacuzzi &
balcony with amazing
view. Drastically reduced
to \$495k!**



2-story comm. building.
**Best location in upcoming
Mainstreet renovation!**
Visible from 6 roads! ±400
sq. meter (4000 sq foot) &
parking! Use it as a **whole
or split it up.** Part.
Financing available **Price:**
\$800,000 **Also for rent.**

ARUBA VILLA RENTALS Sales Division

Everything from simple **guestrooms** to **luxurious Villas!**

By the week, month or year.

Phone: 586-8800 or 586-4290.

www.ArubaVillaRentals.com – www.absolutedearuba.com

Ask about our other properties for sale, All our listings are carefully selected

Doctor on duty



ORANJESTAD

Dr. Cayama

SAN NICOLAAS

Dr. Alvarez



Pharmacy on duty

ORANJESTAD:

Fergusonstraat N.V. TEL. 583-0620

SAN NICOLAAS:

San Nicolas N.V. TEL: 584-5712



Police

Police 581-1100
Oranjestad 582-4000
Noord 587-0009
Sta. Cruz 585-4710
Savaneta 584-7000
San Nicolas 584-5000

Emergency Numbers



Emergency 911
Police 100
Fire Dept. 115
Fire Dept. II 582-1108
Police Tipline 11141
Hospital 587-4300

Oranjestad

Ambulance 582-1234
Police 582-4000

San Nicolas

Ambulance 584-5050
Police station 584-5000
BGD San Nicolas 584-1606
Valero Security 584-1720

Services

Information 118
Setar 582-5151
Taxi 582-2116
Taxi- Tas 587-5900
Profesional Taxi 588-0035
Taxi D.T.S. 587-2300
Service Aruba 583-3232

Cruise Ship

25 Celebrity Millenium
25 Noordam
26 SeaPrincess
26 Star Flyer
26 Zuiderdam



Aruba Airport Tel: 524-2424
American Airlines Tel: 582-2700
Avianca Tel: 588-0059
Dutch Antilles Tel: 588-1900
Insel Air Tel: 588-9314
Jet Blue Tel: 588-2244
Spirit Airlines Tel: 582-7117
Suriname Airways Tel: 582-7896
Tiara Air Tel: 588-4272
Venezolana Tel: 583-7674

Foundation

Fellowship Clinic

Tel: 584-6440

Alcoholism & Drug Addiction,

Anonymity guaranteed

Foundation Anti-Droga

Aruba (FADA) Tel: 583-2999

Foundation

Respetami

Tel: 582-4433

Diabetic Foundation

Arubano

Tel: 583-3808

Narcotics Anonymous

Tel: 583-8989

Foundation Amor pa

Prohimo

Tel: 583-3354 / 586-6976

Women in Difficulties

Foundation

Tel: 583-5400

Figure 1 displays a collection of lithic artifacts, including flint flakes, cores, and debitage, arranged in three rows. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 0, 1, and 2 cm.

[illegible]

Bolivia alista estrategias para demandar a Chile

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) - Bolivia prepara estrategias para una demanda internacional contra Chile en busca de una solución a su centenaria demanda de una salida al mar, aunque dejará abierto un diálogo con su vecino.

“Se tiene que desarrollar toda una estrategia pero no lo vamos a decir a los medios”, dijo el jueves el canciller David Choquehuanca a los periodistas después que en la víspera el presidente Evo Morales anunciará la demanda a Chile. El canciller explicó, luego de reunirse con Morales en Palacio de Gobierno, que se instruyó a la “Asamblea Legislativa para que se pueda ratificar todos los tratados que permitan llevar adelante, en caso que sea necesario, la demanda a tribunales internacionales”, sin señalar cuando se realizaría la denuncia.

La asambleísta oficialista Rebeca Delgado explicó que en el legislativo se tiene previsto que en las próximos días “se ratifique los tratados internacionales y podamos acudir a la solución de controversias por la vía pacífica ante los tribunales, entre ellos está el



El presidente de Bolivia, Evo Morales, centro, acompañado por su vice presidente, Alvaro García Linera, a la izquierda, y el Comandante de las Fuerzas Armadas de Bolivia, Almirante Armando Pacheco, atendiendo una celebración en honor al héroe nacional, Eduardo Avaroa, como parte de la celebración del Día del Mar, el miércoles 23 de marzo, 2011. (AP Photo/Juan Karita)

convenio que reconoce al tribunal de La Haya”.

Sin embargo, Choquehuanca señaló que el diálogo está abi-

erto y justificó que la demanda a Chile ya que Bolivia “no esperará otros 100 años más”. Bolivia perdió la salida al mar en una guerra con Chile en 1879. Perú, aliado de Bo-

livia en la contienda, también perdió vastos territorios. Hasta ahora el gobierno boliviano había dicho que no descartaba acudir a los tribunales internacionales como hizo Perú, que en 2008 presentó una demanda por límites marítimos en contra de Chile ante la Corte Internacional de Justicia de La Haya. Las autoridades de ambos países tienen una agenda de 13 puntos acordada en la gestión de la presidenta chilena Michelle Bachelet, en la cual se incluye el tema marítimo. En su última decisión los dos países acordaron conformar una comisión de alto nivel para estudiar soluciones factibles al reclamo boliviano. Aunque Choquehuanca mencionó que se tuvo “avances con Chile no se ha perdido el tiempo” y aseguró que se trabajó una negociación “sin condiciones”. El tema ha generado un debate interno y la oposición en la Cámara de Diputados pidió interpelar a Choquehuanca. El diputado opositor, Antonio Franco, señaló que el canciller debe explicar por que se decidió acudir a los tribunales internacionales. El presidente chileno Sebastián Piñera censuró las intenciones bolivianas de acudir a una corte internacional. □

Abren nuevo proceso a ex dictador uruguayo

URUGUAY (AP) - La justicia decidió el jueves procesar al ex dictador Gregorio Álvarez por “homicidio muy especialmente agravado” por la muerte de un ex militante izquierdista en 1973.

La Corte Suprema de Justicia, informó que Álvarez seguirá en prisión mientras es procesado, ya que está purgando condena por otros casos de violaciones a los derechos humanos durante la dictadura, que comenzó en 1973 y terminó en 1985. En el nuevo caso es acusado por la muerte del miembro del Movimiento de Liberación Nacional Tupamaros Robert Luzardo. Raúl Luzardo, hermano de la víctima, dijo al diario digital Observa que la familia está viviendo “un momento de felicidad moderada”. Luzardo

fue herido de bala en agosto de 1972 y falleció diez meses después en el Hospital Militar, dos semanas antes del golpe de Estado. Por entonces, Álvarez era el jefe del Estado Mayor Conjunto del Ejército y, según los abogados de la familia Luzardo, ordenó que no se le brindara atención médica al militante tupamaro.

Luzardo, como integrante del MLN-Tupamaros, presuntamente participó en una acción armada que derivó en la muerte del coronel Artigas Álvarez, hermano del ex dictador. Álvarez llegó al poder en 1981 y gobernó de facto hasta que dimitió en febrero de 1985, después de la realización de elecciones en las que salió electo Julio María Sanguinetti. Al renunciar le cedió el poder al entonces presidente

de la Suprema Corte de Justicia, Rafael Addiego Bruno. La decisión de la Corte Suprema fue revelada horas después de que la Corte Internacional de Derechos Humanos (CorteIDH) emitiera un fallo que ordena a las autoridades uruguayas a remover una amnistía que protege a perpetradores de graves violaciones a los derechos humanos en Uruguay y que ha representado que en el país haya una cantidad de casos que continúen impunes. La CorteIDH, en una sentencia relacionada con la desaparición forzosa de María Claudia García, también ordenó al gobierno uruguayo a que abra todo los archivos de la época de la dictadura (1973-1985) para facilitar las investigaciones que se remontan a esa época. □

Congreso elimina delito de adulterio en México

MEXICO (AP) - El Senado aprobó el jueves eliminar el delito de adulterio en México. Con 69 votos a favor y una abstención, la cámara alta derogó del Código Penal Federal el capítulo relativo al adulterio, un delito que según los legisladores no se aplicaba en los hechos pero se mantenía en la ley. La modificación, previamente avalada por la Cámara de Diputados, fue enviada al Ejecutivo para su publicación. Hasta ahora, el adulterio se

consideraba un delito federal que sería castigado hasta con dos años de prisión. El senador del partido izquierdista de la Revolución Democrática dijo que derogar el delito “es una manera de repudiar un delito históricamente construido contra las mujeres”. Se elimina así, dijo, “una construcción jurídica creada para mantener la propiedad de las mujeres de parte de los hombres”. □





**Every
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
between 5pm and 10pm**

**FRESH FISH BBQ and BUFFET
All You Can Eat!**

For the little ones half price!

**\$30.-
p.p.**

**Includes Aruban Fish soup
Fresh Catch of the day,
Salad bar and more!**

Hadicurari 
Restaurant at the Fisherman's Pier - Aruba

For reservations call 586 2288

Located between MooMba Beach and Marriott Surf Club

